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£24,000 to be won

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Writ orders union to call off strike in Civil Service

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The Government served a writ yesterday on the largest Civil Service union ordering it not to go ahead with a threatened one-day strike on April 1, which is being called in defiance of the new labour laws and in pursuit of an improved pay offer. It has been offered 4 per cent.

In the first case brought by the Government under the Trade Union Act, 1984, a writ, answerable in the High Court on Thursday, was served on the left wing-led Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA). The legal action was taken, with Cabinet approval, against a background of growing support for the one-day pay strike.

An emergency meeting of the union's executive has been called for Monday when union leaders will decide whether to obey an injunction which the Government confidently expects the High Court to grant. Ministers believed that they had no alternative, as the employer, to using the legislation which they want other employers to use.

Last night factional arguments broke out over the union's initial decision to flout the law on secret ballots. Mrs Kate Losinka, the CPSA president, said the left, which holds a 17 to 5 majority on the executive, was being exposed as a gang of shabby opportunists engaged in political posturing.

The political rivalry within the left is intense with seven supporters of the Militant Tendency isolated by the rest of the left grouping. That Broad Left grouping meets today to decide its stance on the law which will decide the path taken by the executive.

The five moderates will vote for complying with the law and the Militant faction are certain to back defiance of any court injunction.

There were strong indications last night that a sufficient number of the Broad Left would be prepared to vote with the moderates in favour of compliance with the law to head off a damaging clash with the Government.

The writ, issued by the Treasury, gave a warning that up to £250,000 of the union's funds could be at risk if the strike went ahead and the Government sought damages. But more important would be the fine imposed by the High Court if the union defied the injunction which would automatically leave it open to contempt proceedings.

The 1984 Act specifies that union members called upon to take industrial action should first have the opportunity of voting on that call in a secret ballot. The 150,000-strong CPSA is asking for its members' views on the one-day strike, and possible regional guerrilla action later, by a shows of hands at branch meetings.

The other three Civil Service unions threatening action on April 1 have all held secret ballots which comply with the law. The Inland Revenue Staff Federation has recorded a vote in favour of action as has the Society of Civil and Public Servants, which represents executive grades. Voting in the Civil Service Union, representing general and some technical grades, has gone 3 to 1 against action.

Early returns from the CPSA meeting showed a 3 to 2 majority for action after 71 branch meetings covering about 11,000 members. Whitehall officials believe that if CPSA members had been offered a secret ballot the votes would have gone against a strike.

The CPSA executive decided not to comply with the legislation's balloting provisions because of a union conference decision last year that re-iterated opposition to the employment legislation



The Princess of Wales and Prince Henry arriving at Aberdeen yesterday. The Prince of Wales was with them but Prince William travelled separately.

Dearer home loans push inflation to 5.4%

By Peter Wilson-Smith and Richard Thomson

Britain's inflation rate rose to its highest level for more than two years last month and, with mortgage rates going up again, is set to rise further.

The January rise in mortgage rates was partly to blame for the jump in prices last month, which pushed the annual inflation rate up to 5.4 per cent in February, from 5 per cent the previous month.

Yesterday, four of Britain's largest building societies announced increases of one percentage point in their mortgage rates from April 1. The Halifax and the Anglia have raised their basic rates from 13 to 14 per cent while the Nationwide and the Woolwich have risen to 13.875 per cent. All four societies raised basic investment rates by 0.75 percentage points, taking ordinary share rates to 8.25 per cent.

Mr David Gilchrist, general manager of the Halifax, the largest society, said yesterday it would possibly take a month or more for base rates to come down to 12 per cent and the Halifax would expect to make a mortgage rate cut in June or July.

So far the clearing banks have no plans to raise their home loan rates.

The rise in mortgages and in fruit and vegetable prices led to a 0.8 per cent increase in the retail prices index to 362.7 during the month.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, described the latest figures as unwelcome but not unexpected. "In view of recent announcements by the building societies it now looks as though there will be some further increase in the next month but, as the Chancellor said in his Budget statement, the prospect is for inflation to start falling again in the second half of this year, and to go on falling in 1986," he said.

Mr Lawson said inflation could rise to around 6 per cent mid-year, declining to 5 per cent by the year-end, but there are already doubts in the City.

However, much depends on how the pound fares on the foreign exchange markets. It lost some of Thursday's gains yesterday in a see-saw day in the markets and finally closed down 0.9 at 75.5 on the sterling index and 1.6 cents lower at $1.1710 against the dollar in London. But the index had been as low as 75.2 earlier in the day and the pound is still expected to stay firm next week.

● Provisional figures for gross domestic product in the fourth quarter of last year confirm that the economy grew by 2.4 per cent last year on the average measure of GDP. The miners' strike is estimated to have depressed output by just over 1 per cent and this year the Government expects growth around 3.5 per cent.

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Pit ballot appears to back union

By Our Labour Correspondent

Voting ended last night in the miners' ballot on whether to launch a levy to support those dismissed during the strike. Indications were that the first test of opinion on the strike by the National Union of Mineworkers has produced a clear majority backing the union.

The vote's impact is reduced because moderate areas of Nottinghamshire and south Derbyshire, representing about 35,000 of the 186,000 total membership, boycotted the ballot on a 50p a week levy. Voting in the secret pithead ballot over the past three days has gone heavily in favour of the levy in Scotland and Durham. North Derbyshire, Northumberland and South Wales area were also said to have given strong support.

The white collar section Cosa has voted heavily against supporting the dismissed men. One reliable NUM source said that he would be "disappointed" if there was not a national vote of more than 65 percent in favour of the levy.

Voting has been taking place as local negotiations in several areas between the NUM have started to whittle down the number still dismissed. In Northumberland the original total of more than sixty is thought to be down to about twenty. In the Yorkshire coalfield, 113 remain dismissed

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'Joint initiative' on Ulster

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain and the Irish Republic were trying to find a "novel political structure" for Ireland which could have significance for other troubled parts of the world, the Irish Prime Minister, Dr Garret FitzGerald, said in London last night.

It was possible that it would fail, he said. But a new approach to the problem was being made, not involving victory by one side or the other but accommodating the two identities in Ireland on a equal footing.

It was accepted that a change in the constitutional status of the area, involving a transfer of sovereignty, could not and should not take place without the consent of the majority in Northern Ireland.

Speaking after flying from talks with British ministers in Dublin, he said the new approach had been signalled by the communiqué issued after his meeting with Mrs Magaret Thatcher last November.

There was no precedent for such a structure, which would involve changes in the security forces so as to ensure support for these forces in the suppression of violence, and changes in the legal system which both communities could adhere to.

"Any internal political structure involving the exercise of devolved executive power would have to be such that it would be open to participation be elected representatives of both traditions, so long as they rejected violence," he told the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association.

"It ought to surprise no-one that the attempt to find a solution of this kind shoud be time-consuming, nor that at times the path towards it hould be found to be rocky leading to an occasional setback."

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Britain summons envoy

Botha orders inquiry into Cape shootings

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

President Botha of South Africa yesterday ordered the immediate appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry into the shootings on Thursday near the Eastern Cape town of Uitenhage.

Eighteen people were killed and 36 injured when police opened fire on blacks who were on their way to a funeral.

The brief of the commission will be "to investigate all the circumstances regarding the incident on March 21, 1985 at Uitenghage, where people were killed and injured and to submit a report urgently" according to Mr Louis Le Grange, Minister of Law and Order.

The opposition Progressive Federal Party has called on Mr Le Grange to resign and churches and black political activists have also condemned the police.

The Government's claim that the police fired in self-defence is contested by residents of Langa, where the shootings took place.

"The police never even told us to disperse," said Mr Melikhaya Mnyaka, a witness. "A youth riding a bicycle was in front of the throng of people and he was the first victim. After that the police shot at random." Another witness said he did not see anyone in the crowd carrying weapon.

Mrs Helen Suzman, PFP law and order spokesman, said: "The people whom we have spoken to have denied that an order to disperse was given. No tear gas was used. This is against all instructions. There is no evidence of petrol bombs. There are all the elements of panic (by the police)."

ENVOY CALLED IN: Britain summoned Dr Dennis Worrall, the South African ambassador, to the Foreign Office yesterday and issued a statement from Sir Geoffrey Howe which condemned the shootings as a "matter for the gravest concern" and called for the fullest possible investigation (Henry Stanhope writes).

The unusually robust statement said the incident demonstrated yet again the evil of apartheid. It was likely to reinforce divisions and overshadow hopeful signs of recent weeks.

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Iran drops demand for removal of Saddam

By Our Foreign Staff

Iran is no longer insisting on the removal of President Saddam Husain of Iraq as a precondition for peace talks with Iraq, it emerged this week.

Some Western diplomats see this as a significant softening of Iran's stand on ending the war, others as a change in presentation aimed at breaking its isolation and making it esier to obtain new weapons with which to continue the war.

Iranian spokesmen are claiming that its position is not new. "Iran has been willing for some time now to hold peace negotiations with the government Iraq," an influential Iranian with close ties to the religious leadership told *The Times* in London. "It is childish to say that we are primarily concerned with personalities and want the head of Saddam Husain on a platter.

Iran's delegate to the United Nations, Mr Said Raja'i Khorasani, told our UN correspondent that Ira had been saying this all along: Tehran was not demanding the removal of President Saddam, but if all the conditions for ending the war were met his downfall would be inevitable.

In fact this was not how the Iranian position was put, either in public or in private, until

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Israelis censured for CBS killings

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

Ayad Hassan Harakeh lay in his bed on the ninth floor of The American University Hospital in Beirut yesterday, blood seeping through his heavily bandaged right hand, a drip feed in his left arm, a sheet suspended above his shrapnel-torn legs.

"We know the Israelis saw us", he said. "The next thing I saw was UPI Television with one Amal militiaman. They (the Israelis) started shooting with one Amal militiaman. They (the Israelis) started shooting like hell". Were there, he was asked, any gunmen near the CBS crew? "No, not a single one", he replied.

That was all Mr Harakeh could say about Thursday's killing of the two-man CBS Television crew by an Israeli tank gunner in the south Lebanese village of Kfar Melki.

Three French Embassy employees, one of them the French Consul, were kidnapped within hours of each other in Beirut yesterday.

The abduction was later claimed by the Islamic Jihad organization which has said it holds two Britons and an American journalist kidnapped in Beirut last week.

He lay on the pillow, shaking his head, too weak to speak further. The UPI Television crew said that there was a man standing near them but that he was an unarmed villager.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, had claimed that the CBS cameraman, Tewfiq Ghazawi, and sound-recordist, Bahije Metni, "took position" with armed men in the village.

Yesterday the villages denied this. So did the surviving UPI Television crew. Mr Vladimir Popov, a Lebanese member of the UPI team said yesterday that "the Israelis knew we were there and knew what we were doing".

As the Cbs Men stood in the village street filiming, an Israeli Merkava tank – Mr Popov reckons it was 800 yards away – opened fire and a single shell exploded between Ghazawi's legs.

The two journalists were buried in Beirut yesterday, a Christian and a Muslim whose funerals were held separately in the western and eastern sectors of the Lebanese capital.

Their deaths provoked angry condemnation from UPITN and from CBS in New York. The CBS president, Mr Edward Joyce, demanded an official Israeli inquiry into "what eyewitnesses call an unprovoked and deliberate attack" by Israeli soldiers.

It has also caused consternation among foreign correspondents in Bejrut whose job it is to report Israel's war against the guerrillas in southern Lebanon.

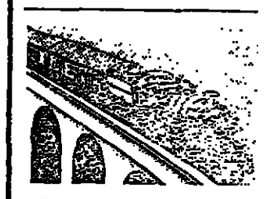
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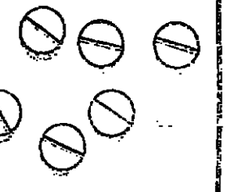
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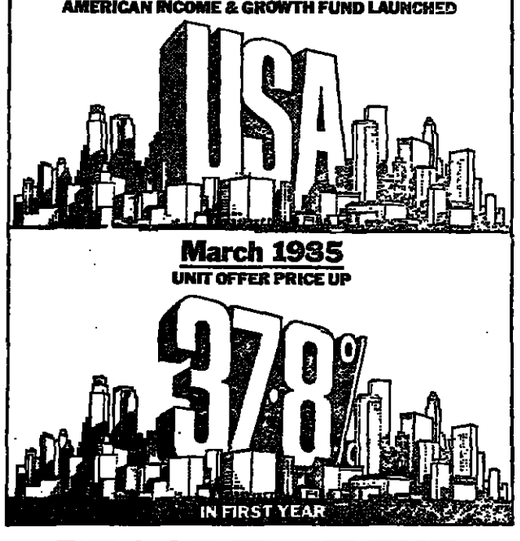


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St George's whets Japanese palates

By John Lawless

English wines yesterday broke into the export business in a big way with an order from a Japanese department store for a small vineyard in East Sussex.

Mrs Gay Biddlecombe, who produces wine under the St George's label in the village of Waldron, said: "English vineyards are absolutely thrilled if they get an order for 50 cases. Mitsukoshi, which is recognized as the "Harrods of Tokyo", has put in one for 400 cases, with the expectation of more to follow."

The store, with annual sales of more than £2 billion, has established a reputation of stocking the very best quality imported goods, which carry a great "snob appeal" among Japanese consumers.

It flew a buying team to Britain about three weeks ago – having been tipped off by Japanese diplomats, who had been served St George's Wine at a reception given in London by another embassy and having got Mrs Biddlecombe's address from the label.

"Mr Tadayaki Hasegawa, manager of Mitsukoshi's food department, flew in from Tokyo and arrived in Waldron with three colleagues in a chauffeur-driven car. They tasted the wine and were very impressed wih the quality," she said.

They were also delighted to learn that, although Mrs Biddlecombe established her own vineyard in 1979, the area has a wine-making tradition. "It goes back to the Domesday Book in 1086," she said. "There are grapevine decorations on the old church opposite the vineyard, and Vines Lane is about half a mile away." Having been the first vineyard in England to introduce its own label wines, the St George's brand is now the official English wine served in the House of Commons. "The tremendous effort we have made to get it into diplomatic circles has paid off with what must be the biggest export order for the English wine industry," Mrs Biddlecombe said.

The Japanese initial £10,000 order is for 200 cases of St George's Medium Dry 1983, and the same for a dry wine of that year. Although they were made from vines originally imported from West Germany, respectively Muller Thurgau and Reichensteiner, Mrs Biddlecombe emphasized that English soil and growing conditions have produced a uniquely-different wine.

And, having also been contacted this month by a buyer from San Fransisco, she feels buoyed enough to challenge the French.

"People tend to forget that, when French wines were wiped out by disease in the eighteenth century, they were replanted with American stocks," she said.

"The French don't take England seriously as a wine-producing country. But they had better think again. Our potential is enormous."



The label that caught the eye of the Japanese.

World Cup for rugby goes ahead

The International Board yesterday agreed to stage a World Cup for rugby union. The inaugural competition will take place in Australasia in 1987

South Africa has not been excluded from the countries taking part, although its participation would be difficult to envisage given the anti-apartheid feeling of the host governments. Argentina has also been invited.

It is probable that the World Cup will be held every four years and hosted by countries who are full members of the IB.

The smaller rugby playing countries, who have never had a say in the running of the game, are to be offered associate membership **Page 23**

Secret breakfast meeting of teachers and councils fails to agree strategy

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

A secret meeting between officials of the National Union of Teachers and local authority employers from Labour-controlled councils took place over breakfast yesterday at the Great Northern Hotel at Euston, London.

It is understood that the two sides discussed a strategy, proposed by the NUT, the biggest teachers' union, for resolving the teachers' dispute which has led to strikes in schools for the past month. No one would discuss the secret breakfast yesterday and the NUT denied that it had taken place.

The union is thought to have asked the Labour education chairmen to requisition another meeting of the Burnham committee, which negotiates teachers' pay, with a view to an increased offer, above the 4 per cent offer, being made. No agreement was struck.

However, a possible strategy was sketched out and the NUT, represented by Mr Fred Jarvis, its general secretary, put pressure on the local authority leaders to agree to it.

With local elections due in May, Labour councillors are worried about the effect that teachers' strikes could have on voters.

Yesterday's breakfast was shrouded in secrecy because of the split it reveals among employers. Leaders of Conservative councils were not told that some of their colleagues were meeting the NUT.

One local authority official said: "It was meant to be a private meeting. We have already got one officer here who is going to be taken out and shot next week. You have got a good story there."

● Teachers reacted angrily yesterday to Lady Warnock's Dimbleby Lecture, broadcast on BBC television last night, in which she said that the profession had lost the respect of parents because it went on strike and indoctrinated pupils.

Mr Jarvis said that Lady Warnock was prejudiced and that her prejudices were shaped by an academic life sheltered from the realities of life in the nation's schools.

He rejected her proposal that head teachers, and those at the top of the profession, should be paid more.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said Lady Warnock was a snob to say that teachers were putting themselves on the level of car workers by going on strike.

● College lecturers in England and Wales are considering ways to increase industrial action after rejecting 4 per cent

Strikers 'are eroding schools'

When teachers go on strike a school and all it stands for are attacked and eroded from within, Mr Derek Dutton, head of Richmond School in North Yorkshire, told a conference of head teachers last night (our Education Correspondent writes).

The head and his deputy felt a sense of disintegration and potential chao at the start of industrial action, he told the annual meeting of the Secon Heads Association, of which he is president.

"Yet, once again, we are on this downward, slipper slope from which we never recover our original positions", he said. "We have had to turn wearily and in desperation once more to the running of our schools when our pupils are deserted, or kicked around, whether by direct strike or sanctions or withdrawal of what is termed 'goodwill'."

Mr Dutton, who was addressing the association in Nottingham at the opening of the conference, said teachers could not engage in industrial warfare and remain professional. He implored all parties in the teachers' pay dispute to say "stop".

They should be saying "We must all get together to find a better way", he added. "I make that appeal to that most caring of chairman, Sir John Wordie, chairman of the Burnham Committee."

Teachers had to face the inevitable counter-productive consequences of civil war, he added. They had to accept the conflict of loyalty in the present strike action: the pay packet or the pupil.

The association, which has 4,500 members, is not supporting the two biggest teachers' unions in their campaign of selective strikes which have been going on for a month. It has consistently deprecated the National Union of Teachers' decision to torpedo talks on a new salary structure.

"Unions who resort to industrial action before all other channels of discussion and/or negotiation have been truly exhausted to the teachers' cause profound disservice",

At the same time he blamed local and central government for exploiting one of the "finest and most unselfist professions".

Defence job allocation 'breach of principle'

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

The controversial appointment of Mr Peter Levene, Whitehall's new £95,000-a-year Chief of Defence Procurement, breached the principle of fair and open competition for posts in the Civil Service, Mr John Ward, leader of the top civil servants' union, siad last night.

"Nobody knew that his post was vacant; nobody either inside the Civil Service or outside had an opportunity to show that they were better qualified than Mr Levene", he said.

Mr Ward, general secretary of the First Division Association, also criticized Mr Levene's high salary

"It is quite disgraceful that public servants should have to pay a tax if they want to fulful these posts, and private sector people can come in an get whatever they ask", he said on the Channel Four programme, *A Week In Politics*.

Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby and a member of the Trasury and Civil Service Select Committee, said investigation into Mr Levene's appointment.

Mr Ward, referring to Mr Levene's six-month spell as a personal adviser last year to Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, insisted that it was crucial in the public service that the public did not think "there is a sort of degree of political patronage going on".

"If you are going to bring somebody in from outside then for goodness sake be certain to let the public see that other people were given an opportunity to compete and might actually to the job better."

He sid it was "rerrettable" that Sir Frank Cooper, Permanent Secretary at the ministry until 1982, had been appointed chairman of United Scientific Holdings, the job previously held by Mr Levene.



Nemone Coy (left), aged 16, of south London, and Andrea Glass, aged 12, of Gateshead, finals winners in the Electricity Council Environmental Awards, receiving their prizes from Johnny Morris yesterday (Photograph by John Voos).

Howe in secret Dublin talks

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Senior British and Irish ministers had talks in Dublin yesterday amid speculation that they were discussing practical measures to break the deadlock in Northern Ireland.

Although details of the meeting were kept secret as usual, the presence of Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, suggests that a crucial point has been reached in the dialogue aimed at breaking the stalemate, and giving the Irish Republic a consultative role in the affairs of the North.

Sir Geoffrey and Mr Hurd had a "serious working session" with Mr Peter Barry, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Mr Dick Spring, the deputy Prime Minister. Later, Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Prime Minister, hosted a lunch for the British delegation.

A brief statement issued in Dublin said that yesterday's meeting was one of a series of ministerial and official encounters which had taken place in both Dublin and London in the past few months. The meeting was a further step in the continuing Anglo-Irish dialogue and indicated the firm commitment of both governments to the search for a constructive way forward.

Civil servants have been discussing a range of ideas on how Anglo-Irish relations can be improved and the political deadlock broken, after last November's summit in which Mrs Thatcher brusquely dismissed the three options of the New Ireland Forum with her celebrated "out, out, out" comment.

They have been preparing the groundwork for a possible Anglo-Irish summit, expected to be held after May's local government elections, although the Dublin Government is isistent that unless prior agreement is reached on a workable package a summit would not be worthwhile.

Mr Hurd is pursuing a twin-track policy in which he hopes to get movement towards some form of devolution, while offering the Irish Republic a consultative role in the affairs of the province.

Owen in attack on 'damaging' Budget

By Our Parliamentary Staff

The deflationary Budget strategy has inflicted and will continue to inflict great damage on the small business sector, Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, said in a speech yesterday at the National Federation of Self-Employed and Small Businesses Conference in Kensington, west London.

Successive governments had expected far too much from small businesses in the way of administering tax collection for which many were understaffed, overworked and underfunded.

He added: "The Chancellor is clearly looking to the Keith report to bring in extra revenues to help to finance his tax changes on the backs of many honest small businessmen who will have to contend with yet another set of regulations in which they have had little say".

Mr David Howell, Conservative MP for Guildford and a critic in some matters of the Government of which he was once a minister, supported the Budget in a constituency speech yesterday, but urged the Government to join the European Monetary System (EMS). He said that hideously high interest rates must be got down and joining the EMS would enable Britain to face the dollar.

The second boost needed to new investment was to make big further tax cuts for which there would be plenty of room next year.

Among ministers, Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, called the Budget another step on a well-mapped road and said that while pumping money into the economy to reduce unemployment might do that in the short term, in the long term nothing could be more disastrous.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, said at the Conservative Central Council in Newcastle upon Tyne yesterday that unemployment was high because the country had taken too much of the recent improvement in the economy in the form of extra wages rather than extra jobs.

● Mrs Margaret Thatcher will face the anger of thousands of anti-government demonstrators when she visits Tyneside today. The march and rally is being held in Newcastle at the same time as the Prime Minister and Cabinet members attend the Conservative Central Council meeting in the City Hall.

Mr Piers Merchant, Conservative MP for Newcastle Central, said yesterday that he planned to ask the Home Secretary to keep the demonstration outside the city centre.

Three jailed for shooting MP

Three "loyalist" terrorists were jailed yesterday for attempting to murder Mr Gerry Adams, MP for West Belfast and president of the Provisional IRA's political wing (Richard Ford writes).

The men were caught in Belfast city centre within minutes of the assassination attempt, which was described in court as displaying "no great expertise or professionalism". The gang had tailed Mr Adams as he left a magistrates court a year ago, opening fire with hand guns as their car drew alongside a vehicle in which he was a front seat passenger.

Mr Adams, aged 35, was hit three times in the neck, side, and arm. But a member of the gang sitting in the back seat was hit in the attack, causing panic, and leading to their capture by off-duty members of the security forces.

Jailing the three men, for a total of 48 years, Mr Justice MacDermott said that they had been involved in a carefully planned murder attempt, but he accepted that others who had organized the operation were not in the dock.

Colin Gray, aged 28, a taxi driver who drove the terrorists, was jailed for 12 years after admitting attempting to murder Mr Adams, and was given concurrent jail terms for offences of wounding and possessing weapons.

Gerard Welsh, aged 34, was sentenced to 18 years after admitting attempted murder, and concurrent sentences for other terrorist offences, including membership of the outlawed Loyalist para-military group, the Ulster Freedom Fighters; and John Gregg, aged 27, was also given 18 years after admitting the attempted murder with concurrent sentences for wounding and firearms offences. All three men are from Rathcoole, Belfast.

Change for consumer movement

By Tony Samstag

The consumer movement should move away from its *Which?*-style concern with "the traditional business of washing machines, tumble driers and holidays" to concentrate on poverty and other social issues, the chairman of the National Consumer Congress said yesterday.

Commenting on a speech which she is to deliver to the tenth annual congress in Brighton this morning, Miss Diana Whitworth, who handles consumer affairs for the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, said: "We shy away from issues to do with poverty because I think we are afraid of getting involved in politics.

"The consumer movement must remain apolitical if it is to maintain its credibility, but it must also look after the interests of the poor consumer as well as the rich."

The two-day congress, comprising more than 300 delegates from 80 organizations, will hear that "our society has been turned upside down" since Miss Whitworth became involved in consumer affairs in 1973.

Papers are to be presented on government plans to bring in new food labelling regulations, the effects on the British countryside of EEC subsidies for intensive farming, housing, legal aid for workers claiming unfair dismissal or redundancy.

Miners vote for pit closure

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

More than 300 men at Bedwas colliery in Mid Glamorgan yesterday rejected the advice of their lodge committee and voted for the closure of the pit whose two faces were lost because of the miners' strike.

It is understood that only 45 of the 365 men at an hour-long meeting voted in favour of fighting to keep the colliery open.

It is the second south Wales colliery to close since the end of the strike, just 26 pits are left in the coalfield.

Local members of the pit deputies union Nacods were anxious to use the threatened closure as a test of the independent review procedure negotiated with the coal board during the strike.

But when the Nacods executive meets this weekend in Newcastle it is unlikely to insist on an independent review because of the decision taken by the NUM members.

Mr Cliff Davies, the NCB deputy director (mining), said: "There have been discussions about the problems at Bedwas over a long period.

"Men have worked against the most arduous geological conditions for many years."

Mr Les Silcox, the lodge secretary said "its recommendation that the men should carry on fighting but this was "overwhelmingly rejected". "I feel very bitter towards Nacods. They have lined their stomachs with their earnings when they could have supported us."

But more than half of 429 men out of a workforce of 550 chose to take redundancy payments. Those who which to remain in the industry will be transferred to five other pits

Of the 250 voluntary redundancies 174 are underground men and 73 have surface jobs. Men aged 49 with 33 years service who leave will receive lump payments of up to 36,000; aged 50 with 30 years service, a lump sum of £22,268 and weekly payments of £78 until the age of 65.

● Injunctions banning mass picketing at five south Wales pits were lifted by Mr Justice Scott in the High Court yesterday when he was assured the strike was over.

● Three Appeal Court judges yesterday rejected a plea to quash a conviction of picket line violence against Dennis Pennington, aged 35, because one of the jurors at his trial was a working coal board employee. Pennington was also refused leave to appeal against his three-month jail sentence.

Courier had bags of heroin in stomach

A Nigerian drugs courier died of a heroin overdose when crudely sealed bags of the drug burst in her stomach, an inquest heard yesterday.

A verdict of misadventure was recorded on Mrs Sekinotu Teniola, aged 36, a mother of five from Lagos, who swallowed more than £1,000-worth of heroin in 36 packets before arriving at Heathrow airport.

Mrs Teniola died in hospital on January 31.

£4 pay rise for council manual workers agreed

Local government manual workers have accepted a £4-a-week rise over 10 months, their unions announced yesterday.

They said however, that they were preparing for possible industrial action in the autumn over the next pay round.

The rise varies between 5.7 per cent for the lowest paid of the 900,000 employees to 4.7 per cent for those at the top. The deal is to last 10 months and the employers say it is the equivalent of a 6 per cent increase on the pay bill over a full year.

The rise is backdated to November 1

Mr John Edmonds, national officer of the General, Municipal, Boilmakers and Allied Trades Union, said that his union, the National Union of Public Employees, and the Transport and General Workers Union expected real gains from grading structure talks during the next six months.

Falkland troop flights at centre of BA dispute

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Two Cabinet ministers and British Airways are locked in a dispute which has lasted six months over arrangements for carrying troops to the new £250 million airport in the Falkland Islands, scheduled to be opened in May.

The new airport at Mount Pleasant, west of Port Stanley, will enable the Falkland Islands to receive wide-bodied, long-range jet aircraft for the first time.

Last October, as part of arrangements under which there is to be a reallocation of routes between British Airways and British Caledonian, it was disclosed that British Airways was to operate a twice-weekly troop-carrying flight to the Falklands.

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, appears to have been persuaded reluctantly to accept this arrangement by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport. However, the detailed contractual arrangements had still to be worked out.

Since then there have been almost continuous negotiations between the Ministry of Defence and British Airways with occasional reference to ministers. The matter has been back on Mr Heseltine's desk within the past few days.

It is believed that the original plan was that British Airways should lease two TriStars from the RAF to operate the service.

Late moves for direct poll on London council

By our Lobby Correspondent

A last attempt by dissident Conservative MPs to allow London to have a directly elected local authority after the abolition of the GLC will be mounted in the Commons next week.

The rebels, led by former ministers Sir Ian Gilmour and Mr Geoffrey Rippon, are proposing that the functions of such a body should be determined by Parliament on the recommendation of a Commons select committee.

A vote on an almost identical proposal during the committee stage of the Local Government Bill on the floor of the House last December resulted in the Government's majority being reduced to 23, the lowest since the general election.

Mr Ken Livingstone, leader of the GLC, said yesterday that he was delighted with the rebels' action: "This is a most significant breakthrough.

Labour and Alliance MPs are expected to support the amendment, but last night it was being suggested only about twenty Conservative MPs would vote against the Government.

Ten Conservative MPs have put their names to the amendment which proposes that the London Residuary Body, being set up to look after those few GLC functions not transferred to the London boroughs, should have a directly elected membership and not appointed members, as the Government plans.

Baby Bio

The five drop difference



Headmaster replies to criticisms

Mr Raymond Honeyford, the headmaster at Drummond Middle School in Bradford who has been criticized for his remarks on multicultural education, yesterday answered criticisms at a Bradford council education sub-committee meeting. The meeting was called to consider reports by school advisers on work at the school, where 90 per cent of pupils are Asian.

Progress at the school is being monitored because of controversy which has raged around Mr Honeyford, aged 51, for the past year. He said multicultural education held back pupils when they were in a minority.

Some parents have called for his dismissal. Reports by advisers to the meeting said they believed Mr Honeyford's educational thinking was not in keeping with that of the local authority because it was not in sympathy with their middle school and other policy documents.

Mr Richard Knight, the director of education, said there was a wide gap in the relationships between the Mr Honeyford and many parents.

Mr Honeyford did not appear to have shown any marked change of attitude or commitment to the overall objectives of the sub-committee, particularly on race relations.

Mr Honeyford said one problem between him and the local authority was an understanding of the term "multicultural education". It could mean different things in different schools.

The problem was not that children were in danger of losing contact with their mother culture; the problem was to convince them they were British, that they were bi-cultural children, and that they could cope with things that were English.

He disclosed that he had been influenced by opinion polls of ethnic minority parents throughout the country.

They indicated that such parents had "an old-fashioned view", believing that schools should teach children the three Rs, good behaviour and equip them for a job.

He said he respected all cultures and urged people to judge Drummond on its children.

He complained of harassment and misrepresentation which, he said, had left some parents insecure and confused.

Mr Muhammad Ajeeb, who is to be Bradford's next Lord Mayor, called on Mr Honeyford to resign.



Mr Honeyford yesterday.

£300m plan to build trunk road over railways

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

A plan to build a £300 million trunk road over railways in central London is being put to the Department of Transport by London industrialists.

The five-mile road, passing directly over London's busiest railway at Clapham Junction, is urgently needed to halt rising unemployment in inner London boroughs – a million jobs have been lost in 20 years – and can only be built by using rights of way already in existence and in public ownership, the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry says.

Its proposed Inner London Relief Road would link the south-west suburbs of Lambeth and Wandsworth with docklands and the East End, providing fast through-route with limited access between the A3, M3 and M4 trunk roads to the south and west, and the M11, A12 and A13 to the east.

More than three miles of the route would be on existing rail track with the dual-carriageway road forming a bridge over the railway. Two sections to be used would be Barnes to Wandsworth Bridge on the Waterloo to Reading suburban line, and Wandsworth Common to Nine Elms on the Waterloo to Southampton main line.

"Without new road access, employment in inner London will continue to decline," Mr Martin Ludlow, the chamber's spokesman said. "For years firms wanting to grow have looked to inner London for expansion, bringing jobs to the crescent of deprivation from Wandsworth through Lambeth and Southwark to Hackney, Islington, and docklands.

"New road access is urgently needed, but there is no way it could be provided by new ringways or cutting through existing communities. Rail routes are the answer.

"Rights of way were granted to the railways by Acts of Parliament in the 19th century but the pattern of traffic has changed. They have no right to hang on to exclusive routes; it is a matter of community conscience."

The road would be a substitute for the up-graded South Circular road being considered

Higher profit levels urged in defence

A recommendation that there should be an increase in the target level of profits for defence contractors on contracts placed non-competitively is under consideration by the Ministry of Defence and the Treasury (Our Defence Correspondent writes).

It is understood that the review board for government contracts has recommended an increase which would cost the defence budget about £50 million a year.

If that recommendation is accepted it will largely offset a reduction in the target rate of profit which was implemented a year ago, and which was expected to save the ministry about £70 million.

The new recommendation is designed to enable non-competitive defence contracts to follow the improved level of profits being experienced by industry generally.

Correction

A headline on March 16 implied wrongly that independent production units used by Channel Four employed non-union labour.

Lecturer jailed

Mrs Marion Coward, aged 32, an Inner London Education Authority art lecturer, of Canfield Gardens, Hampstead, north-west London, was jailed for three years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, for attempted murder after she admitted stabbing Mr Gary Redmore, aged 36, her former lover, "in a fit of jealousy".

Sun stopped

The Sun newspaper did not appear again today for the fourth time this week, because of a dispute in the machine room, but talks were taking place late last night between management and printing unions to secure a settlement to allow tomorrow's *News of the World* to be published.

The Times overseas selling prices

Austria Sch 29; Belgium B Frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.00; Greece Dr 120; Holland Fl 3.00; Iran Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 16; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $3.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 9.50; Switzerland 2 Frs 3.00; Tunisia Dis 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 180

Solicitors' scheme means some legal bills can be paid by credit card

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors' clients can ease the burden of legal bills by paying by credit card under a scheme announced by the Law Society yesterday.

The society has reached agreement with Access for payment of solicitors' profit costs and value-added tax, but not of other payments such as stamp duty, unless the individual solicitor wishes.

Miss Nicola Watkins, a Law Society spokesman, said that the profession had expressed considerable interest in payment by credit card.

Similar agreements are expected to follow with Barclaycard, Diners Club and American Express.

Access has similar arrangements for payment of other professional fees, such as those of doctors, accountants and dentists.

The advantage for clients is six weeks' credit for settling payment, and for the solicitor that he may be paid more promptly. The Access voucher is treated as cash once handed over at the bank.

Solicitors will at first pay 3 per cent of turnover on bills paid by credit card for the facility. Individual firms will negotiate terms of between 2 and 4 per cent with Access direct.

Special problems of confidentiality of solicitors' work, and the credit card's liabilities under the Consumer Credit Act, under which if a client decided to sue a solicitor, he might have been able to sue the company as well, had been eliminated, Access said.

Access has 7.6 million cardholders and an annual turnover of £3,955 million. Barclaycard has a similar number of cardholders, although there is some overlap between the two.

● Details of the first full survey for seven years of solicitors' earnings in England and Wales were announced by the Law Society yesterday.

The survey, to be conducted later this year by Peat Marwick, the chartered accountants, will be used in pay negotiations with the Government and others for comparison with other professions.

It will also provide a "benchmark" against which the effect of changes in the legal profession, in particular the ending of the conveyancing monopoly which accounts for almost half its total income, can be monitored.

It is expected that the survey will achieve a response rate of between 35 and 50 per cent of the profession and that it will be completed by early June.



Global warning: Mr David Attenborough holding the time capsule which he buried in the foundations of the new tropical conservatory at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, yesterday. Photograph: Bill Warhurst.

Kew's time capsule for survival

Mr David Attenborough, the broadcaster, planted a seed for the future, and gave a warning for the present, yesterday. The Earth's future could not be relied to take care of itself, it must be nurtured as tenderly as a garden, he said.

Mr Attenborough was speaking as Kew Garden's own "botanical ark" went on show to the press for the first time. The new tropical conservatory will house rare and endangered species in 10 different climatic zones when it is completed in the spring of 1987.

As part of the World Wildlife Fund Plant Campaign a glass seed was buried in the conservatory foundations.

The campaign is to publicize the threat to the world's ecological system from the destruction of plant life. Inside the 15in-diameter clear glass ball were 10 seeds of basic crops and endangered species from the Kew Seed Bank, including garden peas, rice, bluebells and cow slips.

With the seeds were six books on the subject, vacuum sealed, to preserve them for the capsule's expected 100-year life.

Before lowering the capsule into its hole Mr Attenborough said: "This is a symbolic act, and symbolic acts are important. This is to draw attention to the fact that plant conservation is humanity's lifeline.

"If this capsule is dug up in 100 year's time, and this is a lifeless concrete desert, these seeds and books will be a condemnation of us; that we knew what had to be done to avert it, but didn't."

Professor Arthur Bell, the director of the Royal Botanical Gardens said the conservatory represented a return to Kew's original role. Its future was as a clearing house for the world's useful plants.

The conservatory will be Kew's largest building by floorspace, covering 4,490 square metres. It will recreate weather and soil conditions from the Namib desert through to tropical rain forests. Under its giant glass roof thousands of different types of plant will grow within recreations of their native environment.

£500 for pollution controls on large cars

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Stricter air polution standards for car exhausts agreed by European Economic Community environment ministers, will add about £500 to the cost of cars over 2000 cc engine capacity, and £60 to others.

The difference reflects the disparity between attaching a catalytic converter to an exhaust pipe to cut car emissions, which will be needed on the large cars from 1988, against redesigning engines to generate cleaner exhaust emission.

The technical details of the pollution standards for the largest volume of European cars, with engine capacities between 1400 and 2000 cc, are still being discussed in an expert committee.

But the timetable for meeting the new levels has been set: Engines over 2000 cc, 1988; 1400-2000 cc, 1991 for new cars, and 1993 for current models; under 1400 cc, 1990.

The only way to meet the deadline for lage cars is to attach an American-style catalytic converter to the tailpipe. For the large volume saloon cars and small engines, the development of lean-burn engines should do the trick.

Air polution studies in Europe and the United States show that 90 per cent of lead in the air comes from cars. That level should decline as unleaded petrol is introduced.

The other forms of pollution are caused by the emission of unburnt hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide. There are two ways of removing them. One is to attach a catalytic converter, the other is to use a lean-burn engine.

However, a catalytic converter can be used only with unleaded petrol. Otherwise, the lead in the exhaust "poisons" the catalyst in the converter that breaks down the hazardous gases to water and carbon dioxide. A lean-burn engine is defined by factors such as a lower surface-to-volume ratio of the combustion chamber, and precisely controlled mixtures of air-to-fuel.

Golfers join battle over the Sabbath

By Ronald Faux

The Old Course at St Andrews, hallowed by golfers as the place where golfing began 400 or more years ago, is under pressure to change one of its most a ancient traditions by opening on a Sunday.

St Andrews and North East Fife Tourist Board, supported by local hoteliers and the Old Course Golf and Country Club, believe the town's promotional efforts are harmed because the game is not allowed on the Sabbath.

The demand to play the most famous golf course in the world is huge even at £15 a round and golfers from all over the world have been irritated on discovering the course closed on perhaps the one day they could play it.

The St Andrews Links Management Committee, which is considering the request, is not impressed with the commercial arguments. They believed that the famous turf of the Old Course requires one day of rest after six days of labour.

Mr Alec Beveridge, secretary of the committee which controls the four 18-hole courses and one 9-hole course on the links, said yesterday: "Last year 38,503 rounds were recorded, which on any objective view is far too many for a single golf course to stand without damage.

"A commercially motivated group wishes theOld Course to be opened every day regardless of its condition, quality or future. The course is booked solidly on the six days it is open.

"There can be no question of adding another day so if it did open on a Sunday it would close one weekday."

Beyond that were the ancient rights of the people of St Andrews who were allowed to walk the Old Course on a Sunday.

There were old charters, too, allowing residents to dry washing on common ground on the first and eighteenth fairways – although Mr Beveridge agreed it would be a brave soul who tried.

Card for all football fans 'impractical'

The Football Association is opposing a suggestion that it should pay for the introduction of identity cards for football supporters.

The 92 clubs in the League already pay for policing of their grounds, inside and out, and the association feels law and order is the Government's responsibility.

The FA's proposals in 20-page report on possible solutions include stiffer penalties for violence, and a ban on alcohol at matches.

The Government is understood to favour identity cards, with the FA bearing the cost, but yesterday the FA said the idea was "expensive and impractical". It had been suggested many times before

"To work satisfactorily it would mean the introduction of something like a credit card with a photo. When it was discussed previously it was rejected on the grounds of its cost and the delays at the turnstiles," it added.

The FA said that the scheme would mean issuing at least 10 million cards.

It was unlikely the FA, which represents 4,000 football clubs in the country, would accept the idea. But it added: "If this was forced upon the clubs, we would have to accept it."

The Home Office refused to say whether identity cards for football supporters would be introduced.

"Identity cards are one of the things being considered, but no decisions have yet been made."

Brittan backs police siege tactics

By Colin Hughes

Police strategy in handling the Earls Court siege in London came under attack yesterday only hours after James Baigrie, a convicted killer, committed suicide rather than surrender to detectives.

Mr Clive Soley, Opposition spokesman on policing, said yesterday: "I would have expected the police to go in later, and to have waited longer". He added that he would ask critical questions of Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, in the House of Commons next week.

Mr Brittan, refused yesterday to criticize Scotland Yard's handling of the siege. Answering criticism by Mr Clive Sorley, Labour's spokesman on policing, Mr Brittan said: "I am not going to criticize them in any way. I think the police had a very difficult task." The Home Office had said earlier that the Home Secretary would be making no statement of the incident.

But, pressed during a visit to Manchester, Mr Brittan said: "The police waited a long time and then had to reach a judgement, taking into account all the factors, such as condition of the man who is now dead and everything else to their knowledge.

"Their first responsibility obviously had to be with those living in the area. They had to ensure that someone, who was obviously potentially dangerous, did not cause danger."

Baigrie, who escaped from an Edinburgh high-security prison 15 months after a life sentence for shooting a barman in the back, was surrounded at 6 am on Tuesday morning by police marksmen in Philbeach Gardens, a quiet crescent.

After 44 hours the police attempted to force his surrender in the early hours of yesterday by firing two CS cannisters into the back of the van in which he was hiding and sending marksmen in. Seconds later the dulled sound of a shot was heard, and police ripped open the back of the van to find Baigrie's body, with shotgun wounds to the head.

Baigrie is the second man to kill himself while under police siege in London this year. At the end of January Mr Anthony Baldessare, suspected of shooting a police dog, committed suicide after 48 hours trapped in a flat in Streatham.

Commander John Perret, who directed the Earls Court siege, said Baigrie had been given every opportunity to surrender in talks with negotiators carried out on a field telephone. "He indicated quite forcefully that he would not do so. It became clear yesterday that his resolution was gaining strength and there was every indication that he would remain for some days," Commander Perret said.

Police officers moved in on the van after hearing banging noises as if Baigrie was thumping around inside.

Nurses who caught TB get damages

A High Court judge ruled yesterday that negligence at an isolation hospital led to three nurses being infected with tuberculosis (TB).

They caught the disease within weeks of each other. Mr Justice Russell said the outbreak, which was rare, was caused by a lack of proper safety precautions at Ribbleton Hospital, Preston, Lancashire.

He awarded the nurses a total of more than £6,000 in damages against Lancashire Health Authority.

Preston Crown Court was told that Mrs Bernadette Roe, aged 30, who had to cancel her wedding after contracting the disease, Mrs Vera Raby, aged 41, and Mr Frederick Robinson, aged 47, also claimed that safety procedures for Asian TB patients were haphazard.

The health authority said guidelines were adequate to control the spread of TB and it did not think any more stringent procedures were necessary.

Daughter of judge had heroin in her handbag

The daughter of a former Solicitor General for Scotland who was caught with 40 milligrams of heroin and a hypodermic syringe during a drugs raid was ordered yesterday to do 200 hours' community service.

Catherine McClusky, aged 22, the daughter of Lord McCluskey, who is now a judge, was caught in the raid only hours after being released from a London clinic, and said she had not beaten her addiction.

Police officers found the heroin and syringe in her handbag at a house in Newbiggin, Northumberland, last October. Ashington magistrates were told yesterday when she appeared for sentence accompanied by her mother.

She also faced a suspended three-month prison sentence imposed by Uxbridge magistrates for drug smuggling through Heathrow airport last June when she swallowed two packages of heroin and opium

Woman became prostitute to fund heroin habit

The lesbian heroin addict whom Lord Blandford wanted to marry yesterday told a London court that she had been involved in prostitution. Diana Willis, aged 41, was with Lord Blandford for four nights, but denied flaunting the relationship before her lover, Vivien Wyatt. Miss Willis, who sold antique lace in London's Portabello Road market, said she left Miss Wyatt after arguments over the affair.

She told Knightsbridge Crown Court: "I didn't mean to make her jealous, but it was the cocaine; I couldn't handle it."

Miss Willis, of Buckley House, Addison Road, Holland Park, told the jury: "I used to have gentlemen friends when I was a heroin addict. I was also involved in prostitution. Money from that helped to pay for my drugs."

Miss Willis and Miss Wyatt, aged 32, of De Vere Gardens, Kensington, both deny supplying drugs.

The case is expected to conclude next week.

'Dented pride' motive for JP on murder charge

The magistrate accused of murder had his pride dented when he lost his beautiful girl friend to a younger man, the jury at St Albans Crown Court was told yesterday.

Kenneth Pegg became so angry that he had just the motive to teach his younger rival a lesson, Mr Alan Suckling, QC, for the prosecution, said in his closing speech.

Mr Pegg, aged 36, of Cow Roast, near Tring, Hertfordshire, had pleaded not guilty to murdering Mr Peter Goddard, aged 26, a betting shop manager, on August 9 last year.

The prosecution has alleged that Mr Pegg stabbed to death Mr Goddard with a surgical amputation knife, after discovering that his former fiancée, Ruth Thompson, aged 21, was having a sexual relationship with both men while keeping it secret from each.

"Pegg's self-esteem and pride, you may think had been gravely touched," Mr Suckling said. "The girl seemed to prefer a man who was 26, worked in a betting office, and, who was regarded by Pegg as an ex-junkie.

"So he had both a motive for teaching her a lesson, – and teaching her lover a lesson. He wasn't this detached, calm, untroubled man that he would have you believe he was.

Mr Bruce Laughland, QC, for the defence, said in his closing speech that if there had been a premeditated plan to kill Mr Goddard, the rush hour in a town centre car park "was not a very clever time or place for that kind of enterprise."

The case continues

Mother dying of cancer not told of test concern

A young Scottish mother who is dying of cancer said yesterday that she was not told of the "suspicious" result of a cancer smear test taken six years ago.

Mrs Rose Owenson, aged 29, decided to tell her story after the news this week that three Oxfordshire women were never told of the positive results of their tests. One is now dead.

Lothian Health Board apologized to Mrs Owenson, the mother of four, when it was discovered that the "slight suspicions" outcome of her test in 1979 was not passed on to the family doctor

It was not until 1983, after Mrs Owenson had given birth to her youngest child, that she was told she had cancer of the womb. Radiotherapy treatment lasted for four months, but the cancer spread and further treatment made her feel so ill that she could not face any more.

Lothian Health Board said Mrs Owenson's case was not a failure of the system of reporting test results, but a failure to record the results of one of several investigations carried out when the patient was in hospital.

Train killing victim named



A photograph of the victim issued by the police.

Police officers hunting the killer of a woman whose body was thrown for a train said yesterday they wanted to trace a long-haired man with a weather beaten face seen getting off the train at Northampton Castle station on Wednesday night.

The woman was named yesterday as Janet Mary Maddocks, aged 35, an office worker, of Institute Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham.

New Commodore micro

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Commodore, the American company which is one of the principal suppliers of home computers on both sides of the Atlantic, is undeterred by the instability of the British micro market and is preparing plans to launch a new computer for sophisticated home computer users in Britain (Our Technology Correspondent writes).

The machine, which is expected to sell for about £1,000, will be called the Amiga

DIY drinks and tobacco up

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

Home making of wine, home brewing of beer and home growing of tobacco are all on the increase as their commercial equivalents see sales threatened after the Budget.

Do-it-yourself wine and beer making grew by 6 per cent to a £71 million market last year, according to Boots, the stores chain, which accounts for about half of all home made wine and beer sales. Wine making was up by about 8 per cent last year compared with 1983 and brewing probably by 3 to 4 per cent, according to Boots.

The big growth seen in the five years from 1977 to 1982 appears to have settled down to less spectacular growth with about 12 per cent of adult Britons making their own beer or wine. But increases in the price of commercial beer, particularly at Budget time, continue to fuel a growth in home brewing. Now that table wines have gone up by 6p a bottle in the Budget more home wine making could be stimulated. Customs and Excise restrictions on home brewing were dropped in 1963.

Wine making is already a bigger market than home brewing, with Boots estimating the value of the wine market at £39 million against home brewed beers' £32 million.

There could be a 16 per cent growth in the home made wine market this year according to Mr Keith Hockings, deputy managing director of Unican, part of Avana whose interest include Robertson jams.

The average price of a pint of bitter in the public bar in Britain is now put at 69p to 70p by the Brewers' Society. But in many public houses in the South-east the £1 pint is becoming commonplace. Brewing your own costs about 7p a pint, according to Boots, taking all costs into account.

The cost of producing a bottle of wine at home is about 50p.

The ranks of Britain's home growers of tobacco also swelling. The Tilty Tobacco Centre in Essex, a co-operative for home growers, has about 7,350 members compared with 6,500 at the beginning of the 1980s, a 13 per cent increase over about three years.

Tobacco plants hate frost but demand no more in the way of care or good weather than do tomato plants. Tobacco plants also sell at about the cost of tomato plants, about 20p each. Cost of curing at Tilty is about 16p an ounce, so it means finished tobacco, depending on whether it will go into hand-rolled cigarettes or a pipe, costs about 40p for an ounce, a saving on a packet of 20 cigarettes of about 90p.

Home-grown tobacco attracts no excise tax so long as it is for the grower's personal consumption.

TV top ten

ITV programmes have six of the top ten programmes in the latest independent viewing figures published yesterday, with the commercial sector winning 54.5 per cent of the television audience.

Jail for life for second killing

Robin Lewis, aged 49, a labourer of Nutbourne Street, Paddington, London, was imprisoned for life at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, for murdering Mrs Doreen Wilcocks, a widow, aged 63.

It was the second time he had been tried for murder in 16 years. In 1969, at Bedford Assizes, Lewis was cleared of murdering his wife but jailed for two and a half years for her manslaughter.

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Caution for bishop on maiden speech

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

The Right Reverend David Jenkins, the outspoken Bishop of Durham, has been urged discreetly not to be controversial when he makes his maiden speech in the House of Lords on Monday.

Although not strictly adhered to in recent years, it is a tradition, especially in the House of Lords, for maiden parliamentary speakers to avoid obvious areas of controversy, such as criticism of the policies of one party or a Government, and especially of personalities.

Since becoming bishop last year, Dr Jenkins has rarely been out of the headlines and has lost no opportunity to attack the Government.

He admonished ministers for their handling of the miners' strike. More recently he has accused the Government of being backward-looking with measures that made the rich richer and the poor poorer.

The House of Lords debate on Monday on education and training, which is being opened by Lord Young, would be a perfect opportunity for the Bishop to criticize ministers

But yesterday it was made clear that he has been approached and asked to abide by the custom forbidding critical maiden speeches.

Demands for an inquiry into choice of new RAF trainer

By Ronald Faux

British Aerospace is pressing the Government to disclose technical and financial reasons for choosing the Short's Tucano aircraft as the new RAF trainer instead of the British Aerospace contender, the PC9.

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, told the House of Commons that the choice was made for financial not political reasons, but British Aerospace said yesterday that its final bid for the contract on March 19, which should have won on price, had been ruled out by the government because it was entered too late.

"On the assumption that the Short bid was £125 million as reported, our final bid was in fact less than that figure, yet Mr Heseltine ruled that it was too late and too high", the spokesman said.

Sir Raymond Lygo, chairman of British Aerospace, said the company would demand a full inquiry into why the contract was lost and whether the reasons could be justified.

British Aerospace believes that its PC9, which would have been built at Prestwick and secured more jobs at the company's factories there and at Humberside, was the perfect match for the RAF's Hawk advanced trainer, and will continue to promote the aircraft in competition with the Tucano on the world market.

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, agreed yesterday that the PC9 was better for the job and had been preferred by the RAF. But it had also agreed that either aircraft would be satisfactory and within specification. That had made price the determining factor.

Sir Hector Munro, Conservative MP for Dumfries, and an aviation specialist, believed the Government had settled for second best. Because the Tucano had not flown with its new engine there could be big differences in its characteristics to be discovered.

Mr Joe Bowman union convener at British Aerospace at Prestwick, said the shop stewards also wanted the facts and figures used by the Government to reach its decision.

Tenants' appeal on heating rejected

Council tenants of the London Borough of Camden who have been without heating or hot water for almost two weeks failed in their Court of Appeal attempt yesterday to force the council to turn the heating back on.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lord Justice Mustill, refused to overturn a High Court judge's decision last Friday not to appoint a receiver to restore the heating to the Maiden Lane and Denton Estates.

But Sir John gave hope for the many old and young people who have been condemned to sub-zero temperatures by a boilermen's dispute when he said that if all that was needed was the flicking of a switch, the court would have had the power to order that to be done.

If major repairs were necessary, however, he was "sorry" but the court was powerless to make the order at this stage.

Last week, a High Court judge appointed a receiver over 92 Camden-owned flats at Dudley Court, Covent Garden.

An engineer was engaged and the heating was restored, but yesterday, in a separate action the Court of Appeal overturned the receiver's appointment.

The Labour-controlled council feared that any outside intervention could widen the dispute and affect more tenants. The Council had distributed about 1,000 fan heaters to the most needy and was doing all it could without widening the dispute.

But Sir John said he thought the boilermen's union, Nupe, and the staff union, Nalgo would not do so when they realized the facts.

Industrial action in support of a pay claim was one thing but action to the point of risking the lives of the young, old and infirm was quite another.

"I would be extremely disappointed and surprised if individual Nalgo and Nupe members don't take the same view", he said.

Bangladesh's referendum

Learning to live with a lie

From Michael Hamlyn
Dhaka

Bangladesh spent yesterday learning to live with a lie. A number of people had a number of different ways of dealing with it, but essentially the referendum which was claimed to give the military dictator of the country a democratic identity was a fraud.

According to the official figures, which virtually no one in the country seriously believes, after counting in Thursday's referendum, Lieutenant General Hussain Mohammed Ershad, who seized power in a bloodless coup three years ago, has had his actions approved by 32,539,264 voters. Opposing him were a mere 1,890,217, which gave him a majority of more than 90 per cent. According to the same figures, more than 71.5 per cent of the 48 million qualified to vote did so.

Even on the most generous unofficial estimate, the real turn out is unlikely to have been higher than 25 per cent. Other guesses range as low as 10 or 15 per cent. One disappointed but honest presiding officer at a polling station in Dhaka said fewer than 16 people turned up, and then only because they were civil servants and had to.

Reporters touring the country on polling day agreed generally that they had witnessed a massive attempt at falsification. One civil servant, asked whether he believed the figures he was peddling, said apologetically: "Whether we believe them or not is not important. The real problem is that the opposition leaders have nothing to offer themselves. They have no ideas, and no leadership."

The opposition have been quick to describe the voting as fraudulent. Mrs Sardar Chowdhury, acting secretary of the largest political party, the Awami League, said the people were to be congratulated on so evidently rejecting the referendum.

The party leader, Sheikh Hasina Wazed, daughter of the country's founder, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is under house arrest, and Mrs Chowdhury called on the Government to release her and other political workers. She urged the withdrawal of warrants against other political activists and the restoration of political rights which were suspended when martial law was reimposed in its most severe form on March 1.



Show of democracy: General Ershad going to vote in Dhaka.

General Ershad is likely to take his time about doing so, although he will have to reallow political activity if he is to proceed with plans to follow up the referendum with representational elections.

Mr G. A. Chowdhury, Mrs Chowdhury's husband, said: "We have to meet to decide what attitude we must take."

General Ershad yesterday appeared to see nothing amiss in his referendum, and he was in a stronger position to deal with the opposition now that he had a mandate to stay in power until elections under the suspended constitution could be held.

The most likely way forward now is for General Ershad to threaten to hold elections on a partyless basis to the new units of local government, the upazila, or sub-district councils. This would be anathema to the parties, as they see the upazilas as a tool for further enhancing his power base.

America revises view of Europe

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

The days of "Euro-gloom" are over, according to a new report by the Hudson Institute, the controversial think-tank founded by the late Dr Herman Kahn. "Euro-optimism" is now the clarion call.

The 70-page study, which was more than a year in the making, concludes that "cautious optimism about both the Atlantic alliance and Europe's economic future" is much more justified now than the sense of "Europessimism" that has prevailed for the past decade. "Europe will not be written off," it states.

General Alexander Haig, a former Secretary of State and supreme allied commander in Europe, who was in overall charge of the report, told a press conference that Europe could look forward to a future of "expanding horizons, greater security and economic progress".

"The potential is there," he said. "The wells of European vitality, energy and innovation have not run dry." However, he said Europe could expect a period of steady, unspectacular growth only if a number of structural adjustments were made to increase the mobility of labour, reduce protectionism, increase competition and deregulate key service industries.

The release of the report, entitled "Europe and the World", is significant because it is the first major US study seriously to question a widely held American view that Western Europe is in a period of irreversible economic and political decline.

The report forecasts a long-term economic growth rate for Western Europe of 2 to 3 per cent which, although lower than in the US and Japan, would allow a doubling of gross national product over 25 to 35 years.

It also predicts that the European Community can look forward to 15 years of "highly favourable demographic developments which favour lower unemployment rates and greater productivity".

A number of prominent Europeans helped to prepare the report. They included Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board, Sir Nicholas Henderson, former British Ambassador to Washington, and M. Raymond Barre, the former French Prime Minister.

The report emphasizes the importance of the Atlantic alliance and the need to maintain the interdependence of American and European economic and security policies.

"Only through a balance of the two will Europe and America be able to preserve and to enlarge their historic achievement of democracy, prosperity and security."

'Greens' anti-cruise message

By John Young

The Western world's youngest and, it says, fastest-growing political movement is holding its second international gathering in Dover this weekend.

Delegates from ecological or "green" parties in 12 European countries, the United States, Canada, Australia and Japan are meeting to exchange views on everything from nuclear weapons to taxation and local government, from agriculture to human rights.

About 600 delegates are expected to attend the congress, which will include a rally this evening, to be addressed by, among others, Fraulein Petra Kelly, a founder of the West German Green Party. It is also expected to send a message to European heads of government, protesting at the recent decision to deploy cruise missiles in Belgium.

Although green parties have elected representatives at national level in five countries, including 27 members of the Bundestag in West Germany, and seven members in the so-called "rainbow coalition" in the European Parliament, there are already divisions between those who want to take an avowedly "political" stance, and those who are seeking to avoid identification with left or right.

The Ecology Party in Britain is seen in most other countries as a model of political moderation, determined to concentrate on environmental issues

Cattle farmer speaks of barricades against vets

A farmer yesterday threatened to barricade roads to his farm next week to stop Ministry of Agriculture vets getting on to his land to treat his cattle.

Mr Mark Purdy, of Dene Farm, Halse, near Taunton, has been fighting a long running battle with the ministry, which insists he uses organophosphorous compounds to treat his Jersey cattle against warble fly infection. He believes that compounds are a danger to animals and people.

Mr Purdy said: "My wife is pregnant and there are links between miscarriages and the use of organophosphates. I have asked my solicitor to seek a High Court order banning the ministry officials from entering my land, but if that does not work I may well barricade myself in."

A home from home in the park for squirrels

By Tony Samstag

Most of the red squirrels released experimentally into Regent's Park, London, have survived the hard winter in fine form, London Zoo said yesterday.

Dr Brian Bertram, curator of mammals, said the results "far exceeded my expectations – and I'm an optimist". Of the 10 animals released in stages last October and November, seven are known to have survived in good health. Two were killed, one by a car, another by a feral cat, and one, whose radio collar failed, has not been seen for several weeks.

Red squirrels have been supplanted throughout most of England and Wales by the grey species.

20,000 join in march for rights

From Douglas Tweedale
Buenos Aires

More than 20,000 people turned out in Argentina on Thursday night to demand the punishment of military officers they consider guilty of human rights crimes under the country's previous Government.

The march was the culmination of a campaign by the mothers of Plaza de Mayo, a human rights group, to gather support for their calls for information about missing relatives who disappeared in the 1970s after being kidnapped by security forces.

Using the motto "Give the disappeared a hand" the group gathered some 700,000 cardboard cutouts in the shape of a human hand, each signed by a supporter. The hands hung along the route of the march.

Human rights groups have criticized President Alfonsin's effort to bring military officers blamed for atrocities to justice, and have accused him of secretly planning an amnesty for the military.

Señor Alfonsin's Government has focused its efforts to solve what is called the "human rights problem" on the trial of nine former members of military juntas which ruled from 1976 to 1983.

On Thursday the civilian court of appeal, which is trying the nine former leaders, opened the trial to the presentation of evidence by prosecution and defence.

On Wednesday the federal prosecutor made public the charges against the former President Jorge Videla, and the eight other accused officers. He said that they will be tried for crimes including kidnapping, torture, murder, theft and falsification of documents.

Señor Julio Strassera, the prosecutor, has said he will present more than 700 cases of so-called disappearances to prove the guilt of the military officers. Public hearings, an unusual feature in Argentine trials, are expected to begin early in April.

Alfonsin attacks US Latin America role

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

President Alfonsin of Argentina has strongly criticized President Reagan's Central America policy, saying it is based on misguided principles and a lack of understanding of the region's concerns.

In an address to business leaders and foreign affairs experts in New York on Thursday, Señor Alfonsin said the US should not apply its security concerns to Latin America at the expense of democratic freedoms. These countries could not be expected to share US concerns unless they had democracies of their own to defend.

"To achieve security it is necessary that one has the desire to defend something that he already has," he said. "But what meaning can there be for the majority of a population . . . in defending a freedom it does not enjoy or a prosperity it does not have?"

Señor Alfonsin conferred yesterday with Senor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General. Argentina's dispute with Britain over the Falkland Islands were thought to be high on the agenda. Diplomatic sources did not expect new ground to be broken during the session since the positions of the two sides are still too wide apart.

Dutch Jews stay silent as Menten goes home

From Robert Schuil
Amsterdam

Pieter Menten, the Dutch millionaire art collector, aged 85, who was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for war crimes, was freed early yesterday after completing two-thirds of his sentence. The two years he spent in preventive custody were taken into consideration.

The release of Menten, who was sentenced in July 1980, caused little surprise in The Netherlands, where a remission of one-third of a sentence is granted as a matter of course for good behaviour.

He had spent most of his term in the hospital wing of Sheveningen Prison, a maximum security jail. He suffers from acute diabetes and is ailing.

Leaders of the Jewish community refrained from official comment. The Netherlands will be commemorating its wartime dead in May on the 40th anniversary of the end of of Nazi occupation.

Menten was taken under police escort to Blaricum, a small village near Amsterdam where his villa was destroyed by fire in 1977. His wife Meta has been living in the villa's coach house.



Early release: Pieter Menten leaving prison

Menten has been refused permission by the Irish Government to take up residence at a home he owns in Co Waterford.

He was convicted of involvement in the mass execution in July, 1941, by a Nazi SS extermination team of between 20 and 30 Polish nationals.

Two Kims demand democracy

From David Watts
Tokyo

The two Kims have made their first specific challenge to the South Korean Government with a demand for the release, pardon and reinstatement of all "prisoners of conscience" and for free student and labour movement.

Mr Kim Dae Jung and Mr Kim Young Sam want these steps taken before the National Assembly meets in the middle of next month, "to create a political climate favourable for pursuing democratization". Their joint statement was issued after their third private meeting since the unexpected success of the opposition in last month's general election.

They said some people seemed to have an "ill-advised impression" that democracy was already at work in the country. On the contrary, democratization was an important task that should be tackled from now on.

Mr Kim Dae Jung told *The Times* he estimated there were 80 political prisoners in South Korea, most of them students. "We'll start negotiating on that with the ruling party," he said, "and we expect a positive response to create a constructive atmosphere in the assembly."

He said plain-clothes officers were still closely watching his home and that his car was followed by police and intelligence agents whenever he went out.

To achieve democracy, the two Kims said, steps must be taken to ensure freedom of the press, fair elections, local autonomy, constitutional changes and free labour and student movements.

The New Korea Democratic Party, which made such a strong showing in the elections, has added three new seats to its 67 with the shift of three independents to the party.

On top of the new-found political unity of the Kims there is talk of a merger between the NKDP and the Democratic Korea Party, which won 35 seats.

The governing Democratic Justice Party has 148 seats.

70 miles of motorway works planned

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

This summer's batch of motorway resurfacing and bridge repair projects, most of which will cause severe or moderate traffic jams at peak periods, have been agreed by the Department of Transport.

The plan is to renew 70 miles of the 2,400-mile motorway network, 5 per cent of the total. Last year, the British Road Federation called for an increase of 65 per cent in road building and repairs, to £2,000 million a year.

A total of 43 schemes for road renewal and bridge maintenance are approved for this summer. Most will involve the setting up of contra-flow systems on motorways.

The biggest fillip to the road lobby came last December when Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Transport, promised a review of the road bulding programme. She also announced that the structural strength of new motorways was to be increased to give them a life of 20 years, instead of 10 to 15 years.

The list of motorway repairs likely to cause delays includes:
M1 Northants: (Junction (J) 15 Bucks boundary, north and south, until mid-April (3km); J16-18, contra-flow north-bound, until late July (2.4km).
M6 Cheshire: J20A-21, right-hand lne of both carriageways closed until 14 July (6.9km).
M56Cheshire: J12-J14, westbound carriageway closed until 30 March 1985 (3.7km).
M2 Kent: J4-J5, right-hand lane of both carriageways closed until 25 March.
M3 Surrey: J1, Sunbury Cross, contra-flow eastbound until 31 March 1985 (1.5km).
M40 Oxford: J5-6 lane closures westbound until the end of April.
M5 Hereford and Worcs: J4-5, right-hand lane on both carriageways closed until early April (11.2km); J5-6 southbound carriageway closed at night time only Monday to Friday, until March 29 (9km).
M6 Staffs: J10A-J11, contra-flow northbound, Hilton Park service area closed to southbound until late March (3-2km).
M4 Avon: J18-19, contra-flow westbound until March 31 (5km); M5 Avon: J16-J17, contra-flow until March 31 (4km).
M5 Glos: J9-J10 until March 31

PARLIAMENT MARCH 22 1985 — Starvation in Africa

Aid must be delivered to all in need

COMMONS

Western donors of aid to Ethiopia and the United Nations coordinator must ensure the honouring of the pledge by the foreign minister of Ethiopia to see that supplies got through to those who needed them, without discrimination, Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development said during a debate on African starvation in the House of Commons.

Mr Edward Heath, (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C), early in the debate had commended the British Government's financial contribution but said that it had not appeared to take a lead.

Mr Bowen Wells (Hertford and Stortford, C) opened the debate by moving that the House recognise that death and suffering from starvation and diseases related to malnutrition of millions of Africans were capable of being prevented by mankind working together. The motion was later agreed to.

He said Britain's main effort was being made through the EEC and if the EEC programme failed to deliver, then Britain failed to deliver. The fact the Americans had delivered food well ahead of the EEC was a matter for congratulation but also of shame that Europe could not work as quickly and effectively.

Some countries were resistant to change. They must be told that if they were not prepared to change the countries offering aid would have the courage to unite and decline to give assistance and instead prepare for the emergency that would inevitably follow. Pump-priming was essential for Africa if the nations there were to expand.

Mr Eric Deakins (Walthamstow, Lab) said the present population of Africa as a whole was 450 million but by the end of the century it was likely to have risen to 850 million. That meant 400 million more people requiring food, education, health facilities, water supplies, accommodation and jobs.

Mr Edward Heath said the Government had made a substantial financial contribution to deal with the problem and had not always received the commendation it ought to have had. But the Government had not appeared to be taking a lead; it had always been responding to pressures from other sources.

He urged the Government to try to get the rest of Europe and the United States involved in a strategic plan with the international institutions, including the World Bank, to use resources to the best advantage and thus show Africa that its people had a long term future.

The Government could influence public opinion in the direction in which it wanted to go. Otherwise public opinion would drag. Departmental bureaucracy in government was another factor.

When interest rates rose as they had done recently the impact on developing countries could be fatal.

Mr Thomas Cox (Tooting, Lab) said that Britain should ensure its skills and technical knowledge were made available to these countries, as well as industrial help, one of the most regrettable decisions this Government had taken was to increase charges for overseas students.

Mr James Lester (Broxtowe, C) said that a special allowance should be made to the Overseas Development Administration at the beginning of the financial year. A relatively small amount would enable it to start to respond to the demands made upon it.

In Africa he had been told by an official that it was no use asking Brussels to send lorries because by the time the EEC tendering process to all European lorry manufacturers was complete, the people would be dead. Procedures should be speeded up.

Mr Clive Soley (Hammersmith, Lab) paid a tribute to the work of Mr Timothy Raison, the minister, but said the Government's record had been dismal. he believed that with past cuts in aid, the present level of Government expenditure was still, in real terms, £100 million below that of the Labour Government.

Mr Peter Lilley (St Albans, C) said development aid was not necessarily the answer to the problem of the starving nations. Free enterprise could do the job if permitted. The trouble with state aid was that it almost inevitably led to state control of development and that could be damaging because the real needs of the country tended to be lost sight of in favour of prestigious projects.

Mr Guy Barnett (Greenwich, Lab) said the West was taking more out of Africa that it was putting in. The result could only be a series of further disasters and crises.

Mr Stuart Holland, Opposition spokesman on overseas development and cooperation, said EEC food distribution took along time to reach drought areas. Further initiatives were needed.

Commodity stabilization initiatives were needed – development agreements with some of the least developed countries in Africa; a higher share of the value of the commodity paid to third world producers, including peasant farmers and action on debt.

In the face of a global challenge of drought, desease and death and the need to move the world out of crisis and poverty, would the Prime Minister at the next industrial summit argue for at least one tenth of the world's arms budget each year to be spent on a recovery programme?

Mr Tony Baldry (Banbury, C) said one of the United Nations agencies should be given prime responsibility for coordinating the community's response to famine.

Mr Timothy Raison, said pledges, and those to be confirmed, came to nearly £6.5 million, so if they became reality great progress was being made in the short term.

There should be no illusion, however, about the distribution difficulties. He had seen them in Ethiopia and the Sudan.

At the United Nations conference in Geneva recently the foreign minister of Ethiopia gave a solemn pledge that relief supplies would get through to all those in need, without any discrimination. Western donors and the UN coordinator must now ensure that this pledge was honoured. The key, however, was simply that men must stop killing each other.

Britain had to consider how long to keep the RAF Hercules team going and whether other partners could share the burden with her, but he had undertaken to give a month's notice at least if Britain decided to withdraw the team.

In the financial year which had ended Britain had committed more than £100 million in relief funds for Africa. Since October she had provided £34 million for Ethiopia and nearly £14 million for Sudan.

Many countries in Africa had pursued policies that had contributed to poor economic performance and made it difficult for them to cope with the difficulties they faced. There was growing recognition among governments of these countries that changes in policies were required. Making the changes would not be easy.

The Government had strongly supported the idea of an improved dialogue between aid donors and the developing countries' governments. He believed some sort of plan was emerging in that the World Bank was playing a prominent part based on strengthened donor coordination. The Government fully supported the World Bank's initiatives in Africa.

Commodity prices had improved. It was essential these prices were not jeopardized by protectionist pressures. He could not accept the abandonment of the multifibre agreement, but when it was negotiated the Government would go in with a sympathetic attitude to the countries concerned.

One of the key ingredients for success must be better incentives for farmers to produce more. It was also important to improve local and national marketing and storage arrangements. The private sector could play a larger role in marketing in the place of monopolies. High quality agriculture research was also essential, and Britain contributed a great deal in this respect.

●Mr Timothy Raison said in a written reply: I propose to allocate a grant in aid of £50,000 to Afghan Aid as relief for destitute Afghan refugees, wherever they might be, who have had to leave their homes because of the fighting in Afghanistan.

Pay talks break down

Denmark facing strike paralysis

From Christopher Follett
Copenhagen

Strikes due to begin in Denmark at midnight tonight are likely to paralyse the country.

The showdown comes after talks broke down between the state arbitrator, the employers federation and trade unions on new two-year wage agreements for the private sector.

The dispute is likely to be the most widespread since 1973, affecting 300,000 trade unionists.

Manufacturing, oil and petrol supplies, private ferry services, transport and distribution, electricity and power generally, newspapers, meat, dairy and food production, air traffic (to and from Denmark), abattoirs, breweries and the building sector, are expected gradually to grind to a halt. Vital services and state organizations should be unaffected initially.

The action follows strike and lock-out warnings from both sides and failure to agree on a package comprising a reduction of the working week from 40 to 38½ hours and pay increases of up to 4 per cent, mainly for the lowest paid, mooted by the state arbitrator.

Faced with growing balance-of-payment problems, Denmark's centre-right coalition government favours minimal pay increases. Mr Poul Schluter, the Prime Minister, said none the less that his administration had no immediate plans to intervene to stop the conflict by imposing a pay settlement by legislation, as happened in 1979.

Israel at centre of widespread media criticism after 'wanton' shooting

Peres defends tank crews on CBS deaths

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday denied that the tank crew which killed two members of the CBS television team in Lebanon had deviated from its orders.

The Prime Minister's response came after an angry message from Mr Ed Joyce, the New York-based president of CBS news, who stated: "This is not the first instance, as you know, of attacks by the Israeli military on innocent journalists, but it is the most wanton and tragic, and demands your complete attention and action."

Yesterday Mr Peres published his reply which said, after an expression of "deep sorrow" at Thursday's deaths: "The tank crew involved did not deviate from the strict orders concerning the protection of innocent bystanders. It appears that the cameramen took position in the midst of a group of armed men who were engaged in active hostility against the Israeli defence forces."

Eyewitness reports quoted earlier in the Israeli press claimed that the CBS team's car was clearly identified with press tags, as was another vehicle on which the Israelis had earlier opened fire.

The Prime Minister's response, which was not thought likely to calm the anger of many pressmen trying to cover the Lebanese conflict, concluded: "I reiterate Israel's long-standing and unqualified commitment to freedom of the press, and totally reject any suggestion that the incident was anything but a derivative of the tragic situation in Lebanon and the circumstances under which we are forced to carry out our duty to protect the lives of our soldiers."

Senior officials in Jerusalem are worreed that the attack will reflect seriously on Israel's image in the United States, and reawaken the deep hostility aroused there and in Europe at the Army's conduct during the siege of Beirut. Yesterday CBS staff said the network had already scrapped a major scheme for presenting its morning news from Israel for the whole of Holy Week, and extra staff working on the project had been ordered home.

Mr Zeev Chafets, a former head of the Government Press Office and author of a recent book alleging media bias against Israel during the war, predicted that Israel would suffer badly from Thursday's incident: "Experience shows that, given the hostility the television networks display towards us, we will pay a high price."

Israel Radio reported that the Army had renewed its attempt to ban coverage of events in southern Lebanon by reporters and broadcasters based in Beirut. Israeli Embassies in New York and London had been asked to warn heads of international news organizations that reporters entering south Lebanon from the north "put themselves at risk".

The ban has already prompted a strong protest from the Tel Aviv Foreign Press Association, which represents more than 200 journalists and television crews based in Israel. Many correspondents see it as a crude attempt to restrict publicity of the tough security policy that Israel is pursuing against the Shia Muslim majority in southern Lebanon.

Apart from rare permission to visit units of the United Nations peace-keeping force, Israel-based correspondents are able to cover only those parts of Lebanon they can enter with the Army. Their copy is later subjected to military censorship.

Since the "iron fist" was imposed last month, repeated requests by foreign newsmen to accompany the raiding Israeli forces have been rejected for what is described as "operational and security reasons".

On the day before the two CBS men were killed near the Muslim village of Melki, two photographers accompanying a UN press trip further to the south were warned sternly by the senior UN official driving their Jeep: "On no account are you to take any photographs of the Israelis without their permission, otherwise you are more than likely to be shot".



A villager of Kfar Melki stands by the Israeli tank shell crater and holds the video tape recorder of the CBS men killed on Thursday. At left, the men who died: cameraman Tewfiq Ghazawi (top) and sound recordist Bahije Metni.

Band Aid gifts land in Sudan

From Paul Vallely
Khartoum

The first consignment of famine relief supplies from the proceeds of the record produced by a galaxy of British pop stars under the name of Band Aid has arrived in Sudan.

With it came the photographer David Bailey, who has now left the capital on a tour of the camps in the east of the country, which have become the home of almost half a million refugees from Ethiopia and the nomads of the Red Sea hills to the north.

The supplies, which arrived on a chartered flight, included four Land-Rovers for use by Oxfam to monitor the whereabouts of more than 300,000 Beja nomads who have abandoned their traditional migration patterns in the hills which surround Port Sudan.

Many are camped reluctantly along the road which connects the port to Khartoum. Others have not been seen for months and the Oxfam team is launching an expedition to look for them.

The Band Aid flight also brought in almost a ton of medical supplies as well as 19 tons of Oxfam high-energy biscuits, seven tons of dried skimmed milk and five-and-a-half tons of vegetable oil. The supplies are being distributed through the Swiss Red Cross to refugees at Wad Kowli, near the Ethiopian border.

Today a second Band Aid flight will bring in four more Land-Rovers, three water-tanker trailers, 25 tons of full-cream milk powder and five tons of Oxfam biscuits. It will be accompanied by Band Aid workers, including Miles Copeland, manager of the Police group.

Band Aid relief has already arrived in the government-controlled areas of Ethiopia.

BRUSSELS: Ethiopia's Foreign Minister, Mr Goshu Wolde, has denied that Government troops have been hijacking EEC food aid and selling it to traders (Our Correspondent writes).

There was no evidence to support the allegation by a British Conservative MEP, Mr Paul Howell, after a visit to Eritrea.

Mr Goshu said some aid for Ethiopia was shipped via Port Sudan. "It is quite possible that some of this food may have found itself in the hands of Sudanese soldiers. And they may be responsible for the selling of it."

NEW YORK: Between $700 million (£580 million) and $1 billion to fight famine in Africa was raised at this month's Geneva conference for the 20 most stricken countries, the UN emergency operations chief, Mr Bradford Morse, said (AFP reports).

Fishing and farming rancour blocks EEC enlargement

From Jonathan Braude, Brussels

EEC Foreign Ministers' talks in Brussels on enlargement of the European Community to include Spain and Portugal broke down this week without a conclusion.

But although time is running short if the two Iberian countries are to join the Community by the deadline of January, 1986, the breakdown is not the end of the world.

Before they broke up, ministers had reached a surprise agreement on financing the shortfall in the EEC's 1984 budget by a grant from the ten member governments. They had also agreed to ensure that Britain's hard-won £600 million reduction in its payments to the community would be included in the 1985 budget, although Greece still has to give formal agreement to this.

However, the talks broke down over the details of the agreements on agriculture and fisheries with Spain when France refused to accept a compromise on fish and wine.

The French Foreign Minister, M Roland Dumas, wants to limit the number of Spanish boats with the right to fish in EEC waters to 250 while the compromise position acceptable to the rest of the Community and to Spain is 300 boats.

M Dumas also wants to cut by 3,000,000 hectolitres the amount of wine that Spain is entitled to produce before its producers are obliged by EEC law to sell their output for distilation at uneconomic prices.

Britain and Ireland, traditionally France's allies in attempting to keep Spain out of EEC fisheries, have dropped some of their harder-line positions. Ireland has even conceded that Spain should be allowed into the sensitive fishing zone known as the Irish Box after ten years.

So there is some speculation as to M Dumas's motives in preventing the compromise when negotiations with Spain are virtually complete on other fronts.

The reasoning favoured by Spanish observers is that France is now determined to prevent EEC enlargement until after the French general election in 1986. But the more charitable theory is that M Dumas needed time to confer with President Mitterrand

Discussions, meanwhile, have not yet finished with the Portuguese who are demanding to be allowed to import more cane sugar from their traditional Third World supplies than the 75,000 tonnes now on offer. They are also afraid that Spain will poach from traditional Portuguese fishing grounds.

So discussions with the Portuguese next Wednesday and a final negotiating session with both countries the following day should solve the remaining problems.

But if France is really determined to block enlargement for a longer period or to call a referendum on allowing Spain into the Community, the negotiations next week are doomed to failure.



Defiant protest: An opponent of the EEC farm price freeze demonstrates in Toulouse.

Gonzalez refuses to give up hope for settlement

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain still has a reasonably good chance to conclude its entry negotiations before next week's EEC summit in spite of the blockage by France on Thursday night in Brussels, Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, said hear yesterday.

He had just telephoned President Mitterrand to find out what caused the surprise news at midnight when Spaniards had heard earlier that a final agreement had been made with the Ten for Spain and Portugal.

Special emergency meetings are set for Spain with the Ten next Thursday, preceded by one for Portugal with which almost everything has been negotiated. But Portugal's case depends on what happens to its near neighbour.

Señor Gonzalez warned yesterday that the situation was "delicate, even dangerous".

Madrid fears the agreements so nearly reached could fall apart in the next few days as the Community's fishing and farming lobbies discover the disadvantages in it for them.

It is speculated here that the Mitterrand Government is on course either to obtain more concessions at a take-it-or-leave-it session on Thursday or let Spain's hopes of entering on January 1 next finally die at the summit.

Farmers in price protest

From a Correspondent, Paris

Tens of thousands of French farmers, joined by some West Germans and a small delegation from the British National Farmers' Union, marched in cities across France yesterday in protest against the EEC freeze on farm prices and limits on milk and meat production. They also criticized the expected entry of Spain and Portugal into the Community.

The day of protests disturbed road and rail traffic throughout France, including international train services between Paris, Brussels, and Amsterdam. Farmers paraded in Lille, near the Belgian border, with 1,800 tractors.

In Lyons, a farm was constructed in the city centre, while several thousand agricultural workers from the Midi Pyrénées gathered in Toulouse. The Britons demonstrated in Rouen.

The protest centred on Strasbourg where about 10,000 French and West German farmers heard the president of the national federation of agricultural workers, M Francois Guillaume say that the protests were only a "first warning" to European leaders.

He called for 5 per cent price increases for agricultural products when the 10 Community agriculture ministers meet in Brussels next week to set the prices on farm proucts for the coming year. The Community wants to freeze prices at their present level.

Despite the show of force, M Guillaume did not attract large numbers of farmers from other Community members in the demonstrations.

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Oil swindle trial told of litany of lies

From a Correspondent
Houston

The 11-week trial of Frederick Soudan moved into its final phase yesterday, with prosecutors urging the jury to convict the Houston businessman of full blame for the $56 million (£46 million) Salem oil swindle.

Mr Soudan, accused of engineering the theft of 1.4m barrels of oil and the scuttling of his supertanker, the Salem, in 1980, faces a sentence of up to 111 years if convicted on all charges in the 22-count indictment. Jury deliberation was to begin yesterday.

In final argument, the prosecutor Randy Bellows spent three hours reciting the many lies she says Mr Soudan told in order to sell stolen oil to South Africa. He told "so many lies the senses are almost dulled", the prosecutor said, describing Mr Soudan as the central member of a five-man conspiracy.

Defence attorney David Berg said, however, that Mr Soudan was a novice broker who did not know he was selling stolen oil or that his $12 million ship would be sunk.

Mr Berg also defended Abdul Wahab al-Ghazu, of Syria, claiming the US Government tricked him into lying when he appeared before the grand jury investigating the Salem affair.

Mr al-Ghazu, who is Mr Soudan's brother-in-law, is accused of helping the businessman to evade American income tax and lying to cover up the alleged misdeeds.

Both sides in the trial have agreed that Kuwaiti crude, for which an Italian oil company paid $43 million, was stolen and eventually sold to South Africa for $45 million before the Salem was sunk to cover up the theft. The Italian company, Pontoil, resold the oil to Shell for $56 million.

According to the prosecution, South Africa lost $30 million in the deal, Shell lost $15 million, and Lloyd's, which insured the ship and cargo, lost $9 million.

Gulf War fighters warned off by Kuwait

Kuwait (AFP) – Kuwait has declared its north-west Gulf island of Bubiyan, which has strategic value in the Iran-Iraq war, an out-of-bounds "military zone".

The daily *al-Watan* quoted the Defence Minister, Sheikh Salem al-Sabah al-Salem as saying Kuwait would tolerate no attack on its territory.

As air and ground fighting in the war increased, hundreds of Europeans and Iranians have arrived in Turkey by road from Iran.

Brides burn

Delhi (AFP) – Mrs Ram Dulari Sinha, Interior State Minister, has reported more bride-burnings in Delhi last year, up from 298 to 307. Brides are burnt to death most often in dowry disputes.

Speaker freed

Harare (APF) – Mr James Bassoppo-Moyo, aged 65, the jailed former Deputy Speaker of Zimbabwe's House of Assembly, has been freed because of illness from a two-year sentence for attempted murder.

Joint account

Athens (AP) – Greece's two top government economists, National Economy Minister, Mr Gerasimos Arsenis, aged 54, and Ms Louka Katseli, aged 32, who heads the economic research institute, have married.

Murder claim

Delhi (Reuter) – A group called the Ukranian Reactionary Force claimed responsibility for the murder here on Thursday of the Soviet diplomat, Mr Vladislav Kitzichenko, the police said.

Visit delayed

Freetown (AFP) – Riots in Sierra Leone's mining region of Kono, linked to a drive against foreigners and strike action by teachers, have made President Siaka Stevens delay his departure for China.

Extradition plea

Rome (AP) – Italy asked Holland to extradite Warrapoj Lohalertwikrai, a Thai citizen and alleged leader of a heroin smuggling group arrested in Amsterdam.

Five life terms

Florence (AP) – A local court jailed for life five right-wing terrorists for the 1976 murder of Judge Vittorio Occorsio, who had been investigating terrorism.

Ozone care

Vienna – Twenty states, including Britain, signed a convention at a UN conference approving measures to protect the earth's ozone layer.

Correction

Mr Timothy Renton Parliamentary Under Secretary at the Foreign Office, not Mr Timothy Raison as reported on March 21, represented Britain at the ministerial conference on human rights in Vienna.

World anger at South Africa

Healey puts demand for strong sanctions

By Our Foreign Staff

A common policy for all industrial countries to ban loans and investment for South Africa was demanded yesterday by Denis Healey, Britain's shadow Foreign Secretary, in response to Thursday's shootings in the Eastern Cape, in which 18 blacks were killed when police opened fire on mourners.

Existing investment should be withdrawn until Namibia was independent and a satisfactory programme for the rapid liquidation of apartheid was under way.

"This appalling massacre on the anniversary of Sharpeville shows that nothing has changed in South Africa for the last 25 years.

"The massacre is a warning to the world as a whole no less than to the people of South Africa. There can be no peace in the southern half of the continent so long as the most fundermetal rights are denied to the South African people."

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Office minister who deals with South Africa, said the British Government had expressed its "absolute horror" at the shootings and insisted there must be a full investigation so those responsible were brought to account.

"We want to see an end to apartheid. There is no question that as long as Apartheid remains you cannot avoid tension and incidents of this kind."

But, he said, adopting economic sanctions against South Africa would be an emotional an unwise response. Even if they could be made to work those who would suffer most would be the South African blacks, because they were poor and least able to defend themselves.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, said Britain should take a leading role in drafting a mandatory resolution in the United Nations which would have the support of all permanent members of the Security Council.

"The only economic pressure which has a chance of universal acceptance is a ban on new investment and this could be monitored reasonably successfully."

Earlier, he said a resolution linking independence for Namibia with inernal progress towards opening negotiations with Mr Nelson Mandela, the "one credible black African leader" was critical.

Thursday's massacre had been an awsome reminder of the horrors of apartheid.

In Washington, Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State, said the killings only underlined how "evil and unacceptable that system (apartheid) is".

During a House of Representatives sub-committee hearing he said: "Violence and the use of that tactic in the face of demonstrations is a deplorable tactic and I'm not prepared in any way to try to defend it."

President Reagan, a few hours later at his press conference, said: ". . . All of us find the (apartheid) system there repugnant, but we're going to keep on trying to contribute to a peaceful solution if we can."



Mr Healey: Investment to be withdrawn

Crocker plan studied

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa has agreed to study new proposals for a withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola as part of a regional peace settlement that would include independence for South African-occupied Namibia.

The proposals were conveyed to Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, South Africa's Foreign Minister, at talks on Thursday in Cape Town by Dr Chester Crocker, the American Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, who flew back to the US last night.

It is understood that Dr Crocker has secured the agreement of the Angolans to an initial withdrawal of 10,000 Cuban troops, to be followed by further phased reductions. There are estimated to be 30,000 Cubans in Angola.

South Africa, with American backing, has made the removal of the Cubans a condition of the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 435, which calls for a ceasefire in Namibia between South African troops and black nationalist guerrillas, elections and independence.

Mugabe gets secret report

Catholics in Zimbabwe poll plea

From Jan Raath, Harare

A Catholic human rights organization has sent Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, a report on the violence threatening the legitimacy of Zimbabwe's coming elections.

The Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Zimbabwe said the contents of the report would remain confidential as it does not publish details of its reports to the Government.

The statement also appealed to all political parties to desist from violence and to "conduct themselves in a way that will encourage the electorate to cast their vote freely". The elections are due in June.

Catholic officials, who have asked not to be named, said the report was based on a series of incidents all over the country. The situation in Matabeleland was of particular concern, as has been the case for the last three years.

The commission has agents usually ordinary church members, throughout the country who supply details of incidents of violence from personal accounts.

Reports shown to me deal exclusively with Matabeleland North in the Tsholotsho and Nkai communal areas, north and north-west of Bulawayo.

They speak of the abduction in January and February of up to several hundred people who are leading local officials of the Zapu party of Mr Joshua Nkomo.

The abductions are said to be carried out under cover of darkness and witnesses have supplied evidence that vehicles were used.

The vehicles and the large scale of the operations is accepted as evidence of the involvement of government personnel.

Through cross-checking the names of those reported to have been abducted, officials have confirmed at least 50 cases, although there is no information on where they have been taken. Attempts to link identities with those of bodies in graves in Tsholotsho and Nkai have proved inconclusive.

The last reported abduction was on February 6 when armed men in vehicles swooped quietly on about 12 villages and took about two people from each village.

Other incidents of pre-electoral violence are will known. Mr Nkomo and Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the president of the United African National Council, (UANC) who together from the only serious opposition to Zanu (PF) in the elections, have been unable to hold rallies outside Bulawayo.

Five memers of the UANC who were dragged off a train near the north-west town of Hwange were shot dead. A senior official of the youth wing of Zanu (PF) in Bulawayo has been arrested, but has yet to appear in court.

In Mutare last weekend youths of the ruling party raided the homes of Zapu supporters in the township of Sakubva and dragged their belongings into the street. Thirteen people were treated for injuries in subsequent fighting.

The Government has also reported that guerrillas, who profess allegiance to Zapu, have killed eight Zanu (PF) supporters and officials in Matabeleland, and abducted another 11.

Clearly, the commission's report will contain little of the outrage and indignation that has been expressed in previous reports in the last two years.

Fat Czechs

Prague (AP) – About 20 per cent of Czechslovak children are too fat *Rude Pravo* the Communist party newspaper said, adding that the country did not have enough gymnasiums and playgrounds, and that attempts to open more school gyms and swimming pools to the public had failed.

Rescuers die

Vienna – Four Austrian mountain rescuers were killed by an avalanche near the Styrian ski resort of Schladming in the eastern Alps after 30 hours of snowfall.

Delhi epidemic

Delhi (AP) – More than 240 people have died in an epidemic of meningitis in the Indian capital this year, the public Health Minister told Parliament. Some 1,893 cases were reported in Delhi and nearby areas from January 1 to March 12, including 243 deaths.

Pig's ear

Peking (Reuter) – A Chinese farmer whose nose was bitten off by a rat 25 years ago has regained his sense of smell after doctors built a replacement from a pig's ear

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Reagan plays down controversy over Howe 'Star Wars' speech

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

President Reagan was in a conciliatory mood when he addressed the twenty-ninth press conference of his administration in the White House on Thursday night.

He said he had not felt rebuffed by the failure of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the new Soviet leader, to respond to his invitation to a summit. He praised President Mubarak of Egypt and King Hussain of Jordan for their efforts to start a new round of Middle East peace negotiations; and declined to take umbrage at Sir Geoffrey Howe's recent questioning of his "star wars" project.

He also carefully avoided condemning South Africa for the deaths of eighteen blacks in the Eastern Cape.

The only issues on which he was uncompromising were the Federal budget and Nicaragua. He rejected suggestions that he should cut defence spending and social security to reduce the budget deficit, and criticized the Sandinista Government for having imposed a "communist tyranny" on Nicaragua "by deception and fraud."

Although clearly disappointed by Mr Gorbachov's silence about an early summit, the President repeated his suggestion that the two leaders should meet in Washington to seek ways of improving superpower relations.

He felt that there was a good chance that he and his Soviet counterpart would eventually hold a summit. He did not feel that he had been rebuffed because Mr Gorbachov had been in office only a few days and "I have some idea what is confronting him now."

He also emphasized that a summit should not be merely an occasion for getting acquainted, but should be well prepared and have a good chance of producing results.

The President admitted that he had been surprised by Sir Geoffrey's speech last week but stressed: "I do know we have the support of Prime Minister Thatcher and therefore the English Government in our research for the Strategic Defence Initiative."

He refused to be drawn into the public row that has broken out between Sir Geoffrey and Mr Richard Perle, the Pentagon's leading arms control specialist, who made a speech criticizing the Foreign Secretary in London earlier this week.

The President used his prepared opening statement to lobby for congressional approval of MX missile funds. Next week's vote by the House of Representatives on his request for $1.5 billion to build 21 missiles "will answer the question whether we stand united at Geneva (arms control talks) or whether America will face the Soviet Union as a nation divided over the most fundamental questions of her national security."



President Reagan: not feeling rebuffed

Discussing new Arab moves for a resumption of Middle East peace talks the President opened the door to a possible American meeting with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation so long as it did not include members of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

However, Although the US was prepared to "do whatever we can to bring the warring parties together" he ruled out a direct American role in future peace talks.

His remarks represented a slight shift in American thinking on this issue since his talks with President Mubarak in Washington earlier this month. On that occasion the President had been unenthusuastic about meeting a joint delegation and the Egyptian leader had complained that the US had taken "almost a defeatist approach" to the Middle East peace process.

At the press conference the President denied that President Mubarak had been disappointed by his US visit. "He told us what he was doing, and certainly we complimented him highly upon what he's doing. I think it's great," he said.

In response to a question about the shooting of blacks in South Africa he suggested that "rioting" blacks as well as the authorities had been at fault. Not all the blame should be placed "on the law and order side," he said.

He added: There has been increasing violence and there is an element in South Africa who do not want a peaceful settlement."

Asked why he had decided not to visit the site of a Nazi concentration camp during his visit to West Germany in May to celebrate VE day he replied that "instead of reawakening the memories and passions of the time" he felt "there should be a celebration of the day as a day of peace and friendship with West Germany."

Several journalists wore bright red dresses or ties to the press conference because of a long held suspicion that Mr Reagan is more likely to recognize a reporter wearing Nancy Reagan's favourite colour.

The President joked to a scarlet-clad Ms Helen Thomas, the veteran correspondent of United Press International: "I know that Nancy upstairs would die if I dind't call on you in that pretty red dress."



President Marcos of the Philippines (above), making his first public speech since a serious illness in November, yesterday doubled his Army's combat pay and returned to local officials control over police and civilian militia as part of a new programme against communist insurgents.

The rebels were now "creating a revolutionary situation in cities to complement their armed struggle," Mr Marcos, aged 67, said at a military academy in Baguio, 125 miles north of Manila.

NATO sees chance of arms deal

Stockholm (Reuter) – The 35-nation European disarmament conference ended its fifth session yesterday with Nato delegates optimistic that agreement on reducing the risk of war was taking shape.

But the Soviet delegate, Mr Oleg Grinevsky, said East and West were still divided over matters of substance.

The US representative, Mr James Goodby, said: "This has probably been the most important single session we've started towards a more serious exchange of views."

Mr Grinevsky said that, although the debate had become more intensive, Nato had still not responded to Warsaw Pact proposals. "I don't see that the positions of the two sides have come closer on matters of substance. We are moving unforgivably slowly

The conference is discussing confidence-building measures aimed at reducing the risk of war breaking out in Europe by accident or miscalculation. It is to resume on May 14.

Nato has been pressing for agreement on detailed measures, including exchanges of military information.

Last week the Warsaw Pact proposed tighter rules on notification of manoeuvres,

Gorbachov era begins

Politburo dictates detente abroad, discipline at home

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The Gorbachov era began to take shape yesterday with the publication of a lengthy Politburo report laying down a policy of détente abroad and much-needed reform and discipline at home.

But a top party official said the Soviet Union was not about to adopt "market socialism" or political pluralism, a warning apparently aimed as much at radical reformers in the Soviet hierarchy as at the West.

In a remarkable broadside against those who expect too much change too fast from the new Kremlin leadership, Mr Vadim Zagladin said Russia remained a Communist state and would not be seduced by advice from outside on how it might evolve.

Writing in the journal *New Times*, Mr Zagladin, deputy head of the party's international department, said the "entire economic system" needed overhauling, as Mr Mikhail Gorbachov had outlined in his first speech on power two weeks ago. But the recipes of "well wishers" on how to set about this all boiled down to the proposal that Russia should abandon Communist principles and adopt "the so-called market economic mechanism".

This would mean "giving up the socialist economic foundations of our society," Mr Zagladin said, and such proposals were really aimed at "putting an end to socialism and wiping it off the face of the earth".

The party would never agree to this, "not out of blind allegiance to abstract ideas but because socialist principles have fully proved their worth throughout the history of the Soviet state".

Some of the younger advisers and intellectuals around Mr Gorbachov are said to favour radical measures to reform a system which suffers from unproductive industry and agriculture, shoddy and scarce consumer goods, a rudimentary transport network and a primitive banking system.

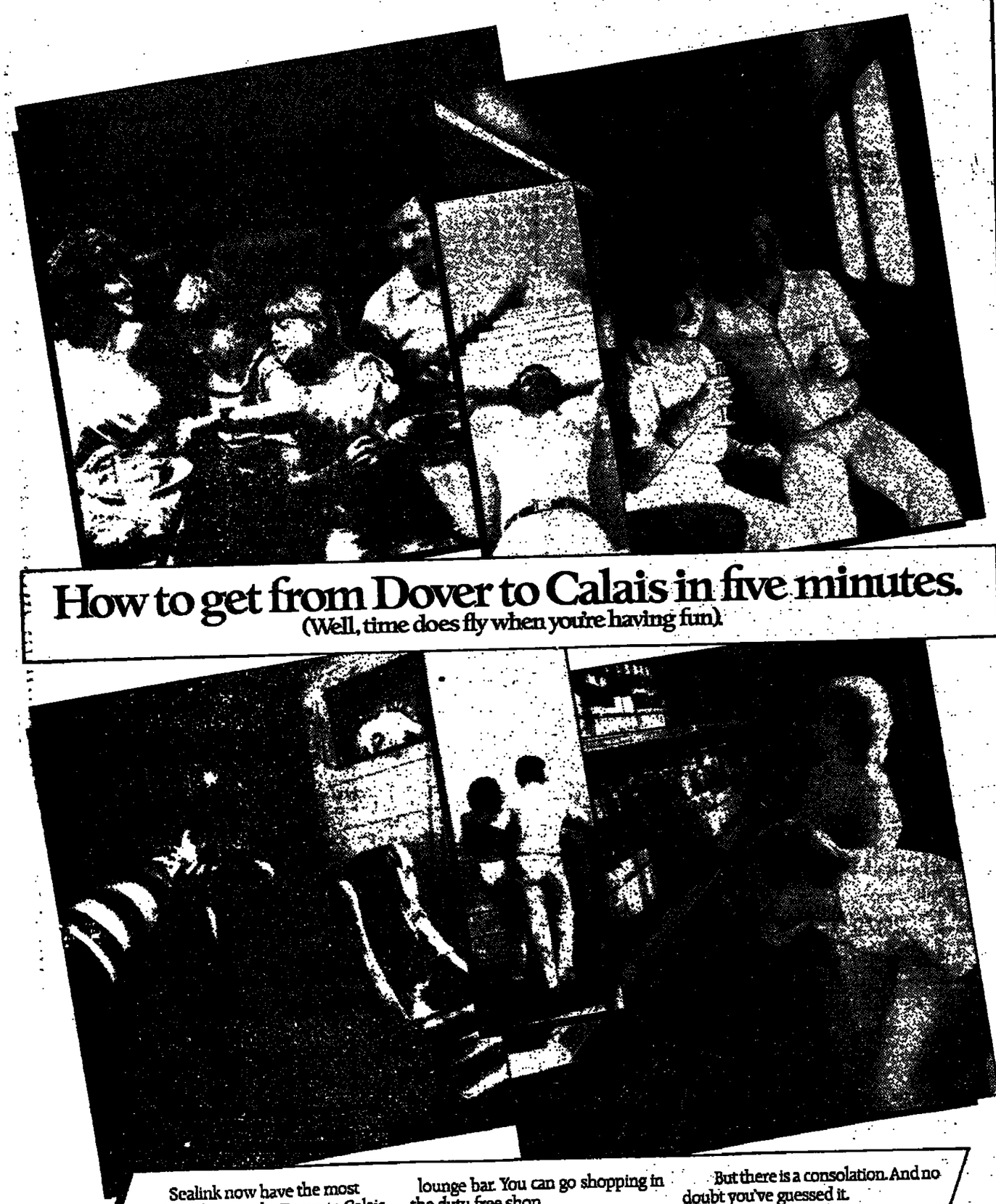
Mr Zagladin said Russia's self-appointed well-wishers also suggested improvements in "the socialist system of self-government" through the introduction of political pluralism, but this was "ruled out".

Pravda yesterday carried an unusually exhaustive account of this week's Politburo meeting – Mr Gorbachov's first full session as party leader – emphasizing that his meetings with foreign leaders after the funeral of President Chernenko had been proof of Moscow's desire for peace.

The experience of détente in the 1970s had shown that relations with the capitalist West could develop "in a spirit of peaceful coexistence and cooperation", the report said Moscow would make efforts to achieve an agreement with the US at Geneva on space weapons and nuclear missiles.

The report opened with a powerful warning that the new leadership would "struggle resolutely against any display of showiness and irresponsibility, anything which contradicts socialist norms".

Without referring directly to the Chernenko period, both *Pravda* and *Izvestiya* have called this week for order and discipline to halt and reverse the economic decline of the past year or so.



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Conference speech causes stir

Bonn President has reservations on SDI

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Diplomats in Bonn yesterday were trying to assess the significance of the fact that the West German head of state, President Richard von Weizsäcker, appears to have come out completely against the US Strategic Defence Initiative.

Herr von Weizsäcker did so on Thursday when opening the 35th annual Königswinter conference on Angló-German friendship with a speech which, unlike the rest of the proceedings, was on the record.

His remarks were cautious and detached, as befitted someone who is expected to be above immediate political controversy. But *Die Welt's* report said he had "indicated in an unmistakable way" that he wanted to remain distant from SDI and even appeared to be opposed to European and West German involvement in its research aspect.

President von Weizsäcker's actual words on the question of research were that "the relationship between the Americans and the Europeans in the past few weeks has been discussed mostly under the aspect of whether Europe has lost its vitality, and how it could keep up with the American technology. That is important, and it could well be that work on new weapons systems could promote technical progress.

"But when we discuss questions of common security and East-West policy wth the Americans, we should not be guided only by worries about the technological gap. Technological viewpoints alone should not be allowed to determine cooperation in the alliance".

He added: "Those who believe that the nuclear deterrent is necessary as a shield must also show by the creation of new weapons systems that they are not principally created to replace an old system".

President von Weizsäcker thus appeared to be aligning himself with opponents of SDI, who say it would undermine the only sure way of deterring the Soviet Union: the present confrontational and nuclear combination.

In a presumed reference to Sir Geofrey Howe's original, sceptical speech of a week ago, Herr von Weizsäcker said: "Important contributions in this area have already been made from the British side."

But it was his next remark, delivered almost as an aside, which attracted the most attention in Bonn yesterday: "Unfortunately I cannot speak more plainly," a reference to his constitutional position.

The general view was that he had spoken enough. There was speculation as to whether Chancellor Kohl, or his staff, much approved. Herr Kohl's present position, though Delphically phrased, appears to be that West Germany is afraid of the consequences of SDI, and would rather it never happened, but would like a share in the huge and lucrative research programmes

Two interpretations were available of this intervention yesterday: either Herr von Weizsäcker is not satisfied that Bonn is being sceptical enough about SDI, or his speech so represented West Germany's true position that it was appropriate to come from the state head.

Stalinists lose Finnish power battle

From Olli Kivinen, Helsinki

The Eurocommunist majority of Finland's Communist Party will hold an extraordinary party conference today without the Stalinist minority. The aim is to alter the party's constitution in a way which makes it easier to weaken the Stalinists.

The event also signifies another step towards the total disintegration of the party, and only Moscow's strong pressure for nominal unity prevent the final breakdown. Moscow supports the Stalinists and has indicated that it will support them in the event of a split.

The rift has grown worse recently, because the Eurocommunists led by the party chairman Mr Arvo Aalto, have established their own organizations in the districts controlled by the Stalinists minority. The Stalinists control eight out of the 17 district organizations.

By establishing their own district organizations the Eurocommunists have been able to widen their lead, and the official congress delegate count is now 236 against 119. The 119 Stalinist delegates boycott the congress because they regard the majority's actions as illegal.

The majority will use its powers to change the rules so that from now on the central committee instead of the party conference has the power to dismiss district organizations. This gives the Eurocommunists another formal weapon to stay in power indefinitely.

New steps towards disintegration began last May, when the party elected Mr Aalto as chairman.

More voters oppose Ceausescu policy

Vienna (AFP). – Tentative signs of opposition to the Government of Mr Nicolae Ceausescu have surfaced in Romania, particularly in industrial centres and regions inhabited largely by German and Hungarian minorities, according to results of legislative elections.

In Sunday's voting for the National Assembly, results of which were published in Romanian newspapers, 2.27 per cent of the electorate, or 356,573 people, voted against official candidates.

This compared with 0.14 per cent opposition in 1965 and 1.50 per cent in 1980.

The vote came at a time of economic difficulty for Romania, which has imposed strict austerity measures to reduce a large debt to the West. Last autumn the Government imposed new cutbacks in food, petrol and electricity.

However, specialists on Eastern Europe in Vienna did not see any real threat to Mr Ceausescu, who cemented his hold on the Government at a Communist Party Central Committee meeting last November.

In the central town of Sibin, which has a large German population, 6.8 per cent of the vote went against the Government in nearby Brasov, the opposition gained 5.77 per cent.

In Bucharest, the figure was 3.01 per cent, or 0.74 per cent higher than the average.

Four released in Spanish toxic syndrome case

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Four of the last five of 42 people charged in connection with Spain's "toxic syndrome" were released without bail here yesterday by order of Spain's constitutional court.

The order was made because they had already been held for more than 30 months, the maximum period for imprisonment without trial

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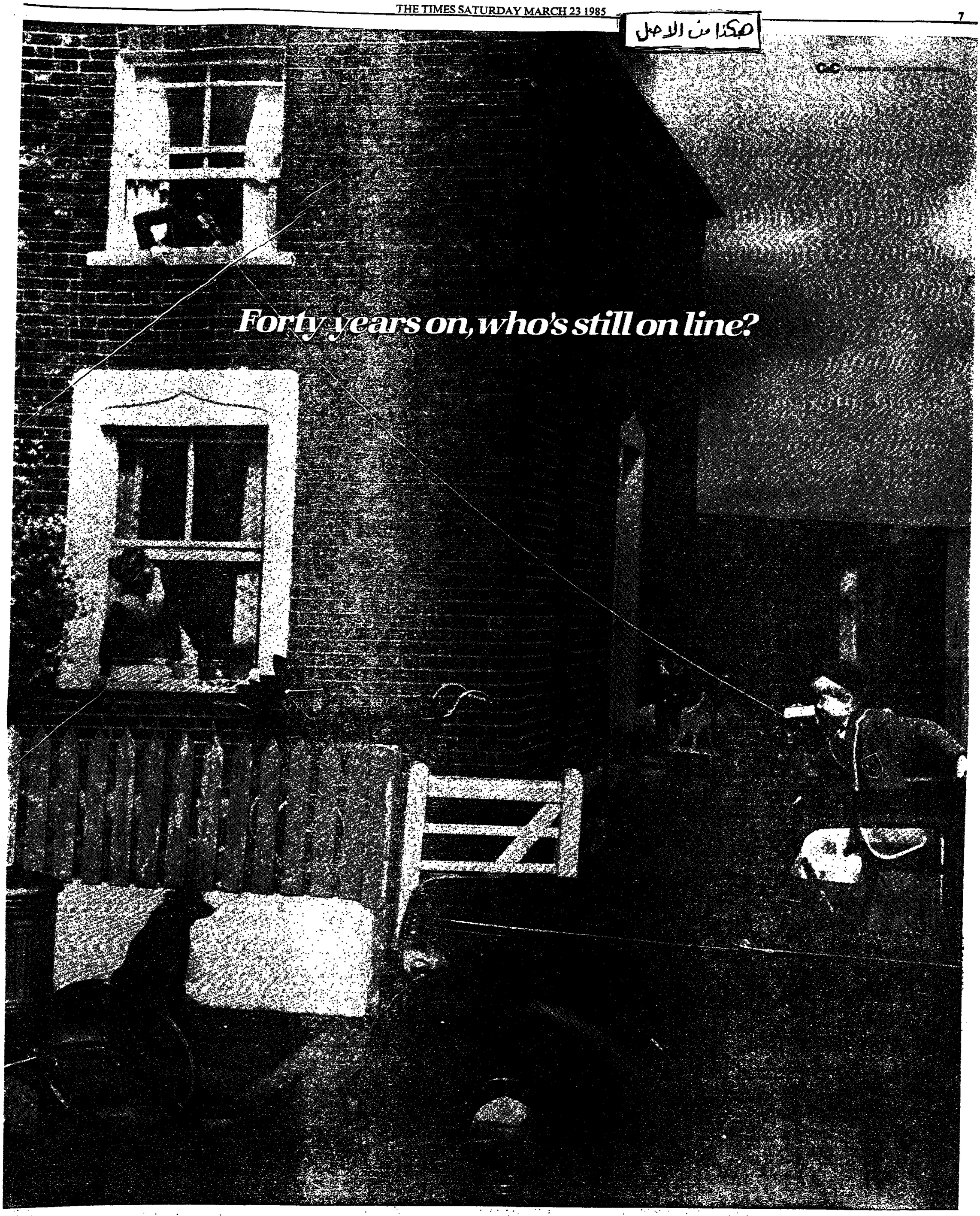
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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Trail of glory

The winner of the Alaskan Iditarod trail sled dog race, Libby Riddles, is not one to minimize her triumph. "Now I could die and it would by all right", she said after her moment of victory. Miss Riddles, a "musher" as such people are called, drove her 13-dog team along the 1,100-mile route to the finish in 18 days 20 min 17 sec in a race plagued throughout by appalling weather. In fact, the race was halted twice so that dog food could be flown to checkpoints, and 15 of the 61 entrants had to drop out. Another musher, Wes McIntyre, was disqualified for deliberately killing one of his dogs: eight other dogs died accidentally during the race. At the finish Miss Riddles was presented with a bouquet of roses which, unlike herself, promptly withered in the cold.

Teeth of victory

More about dogs: yes, it was a dog that played the decisive role in the defeat of the Fortuna Cologne football team at the hands of Hessen Kassel. A Fortune player, Janus Gundlaugsson, was attacked by a police dog in the kickabout before the second division match between the two West German clubs, and was so severely bitten that he was unable to play. Fortuna believed that the game should be replayed because of the incident, but its appeal was rejected

Spray to win

The most salubrious changing-room in the golfing world is at Ascot, where the Avia women's foursome tournament was held this week. Organizer Joan Rothschild took delivery of 2,000 cans of deodorizing footspray, saying: "They sent six cans of spray for each player instead of one."

Jolly hockey

Oxford beat Cambridge 5-2 in a hotly-contested women's ice hockey match played before the enthralled eyes of Prince Edward. However, the women's game does not win much recognition in other high places. They can only obtain ice-time at the kind of hour favoured by the Gestapo for house visits, and they can't afford all the necessary protective clothing. "It costs £20 for a pair of protective shorts", says Claire Platt, Oxford treasurer. "But if you don't have any you just jolly well get on the ice and get on with it."

Snake pit

One hazard the average golfer simply never worries about is the spitting cobra. This is not true, however, of Britons Malcolm Mackenzie and Donald Stirling. They spotted a splendid 8ft-long specimen on the twelth fairway as they played in the Corecent Cock o' the North tournament in Zambia.

Animal rights

Further to my piece on horses and motor traffic, I have been sent some fascinating legal facts. After a recent case involving a failed attempt to sue a horse rider for negligence, Mr Justice Ralph Gibson said: "I would comment that in the ordinary experience of most people who use the road, both in a car and on a bicycle, there appears to be a wholly false belief held by many motorists that they are entitled to proceed without being required to slow down for slower traffic such as bicycles and horses... Slow traffic on an ordinary road has a right to be there."

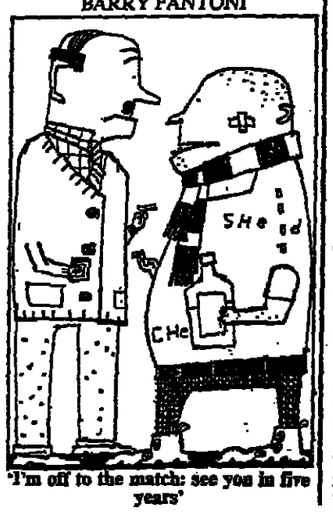
All in together

After nine years, the secret of Horden colliery welfare football team is out: it has only one team bath. It played in the Northern League, which requires members to have separate baths for the home and the away sides, but for nine years Horden has splashed down with its opponents after every home game. This has gone on for so long because visiting officials have checked only the away facilities, since that is all they are usually concerned with. Horden's bath is in its away dressing room.

Horse sense

A new item of horse-racing equipment was used for the first time in England yesterday, apparently successfully. It is called a visor, and is a particularly elaborate form of blinkers of American design, but made up by a Marlborough saddler. The horse, Manimstar, was ridden by Steve Cauthen and trained by Peter Makin, who explained that, in theory, the device would stop the horse's alarming tendency to remain behind in the starting stalls.

BARRY FANTONI



'I'm off to the match: see you in five years'

Hooligans: let the clubs pay

by Philip Goodhart

The argument that football hooliganism is the fault of society at large, and reflects a malaise in Britain today, can best be answered by looking at the United States. American society is more violent and more racially divided than our own, but spectator violence at sporting events there is virtually unknown.

This is largely due to the fact there is no standing room in American stadiums and sports halls: it is very difficult to riot sitting down. In the early 1960s the elimination of standing room on the terraces might have prevented violence becoming a habit. Now that violence has taken hold, tinkering with accomodation arrangements within football grounds will not, by itself, provide an adequate answer to the problem.

There is not too much point in talking about increasing the size of the police presence at football grounds, or passing new laws to enable magistrates to hand out stiffer sentences. As the Home Secretary has rightly pointed out, many magistrates do not use the powers they already have.

Our main thrust should be to extend responsibility of football clubs for the behaviour of their own supporters, to make sure clubs which are persistently associated with crowd violence suffer financially. Manchester United used to have an appalling record of supporter violence, which has sharply diminished since management and official supporters' associations began to take action.

Those clubs which have a particularly bad record should be required to post a bond of substantial size, say £50,000 or £100,000, when playing away from home. This money would be wholly or partially forfeited if their supporters misbehaved. The money should be used to compensate residents and police officers injured by visiting hooligans, or whose property is damaged.

Where the threat of trouble comes from home supporters, the number of people allowed into the ground should be limited depending on the severity of the threat, to different combinations of season ticket-holders and people who buy tickets at specified places at least 24 hours before the game. In certain extreme circumstances, no paying spectators would be allowed into the ground at all. We could make it mandatory for season tickets to show the name and picture of the purchaser, like *abonnements* at ski resorts.

All questions relating to entry restrictions and the size of the bonds to be posted could be settled by a committee of three, consisting of the sports minister, the chairman or representative of the chief constables' committee on football violence and a representative of the Football Association. These three could meet, say, every Tuesday morning during the football season to assess the amount of hooliganism in the previous weekend and take appropriate measures.

There would be no appeal but clubs would be entitled to impose even harsher restrictions than those set out by the committee. If Millwall decided, for example, that it could not face raising a bond of £50,000 or £100,000 for its away game against Bournemouth or Bradford, it could require the home team to restrict entry to home season ticket-holders only. This would normally absolve the visiting club from having to put up any bond at all, since none of its supporters would be allowed into the game.

The effect of these restrictions would be to give clubs a substantial vested interest in stamping out crowd violence through the application of the range of measures now available, such as barriers and more stewards. The idea that clubs should be penalized for the behaviour of supporters whom they do not want and cannot directly control may be thought unfair, but at least it would encourage genuine supporters to help the authorities in controlling the hooligan minority.

Sir Philip Goodhart is Conservative MP for Beckenham.

David Hewson on a programming switch that raises fears about standards

Plays are the thing in this BBC drama

In two days' time the BBC will find itself facing a difficult public engagement. Not the acceptance of a miserable licence fee settlement, though that is likely to arise later in the week, but a matter which, in its own way, aims much closer to the heart of its present agonies.

On Monday the broadcasting press will assemble to see a preview of J. B. Priestley's play *Time and the Conways*, and to discuss the production with the people responsible for making it. Since many of these people are now convinced that the BBC is bent on a radical and questionable shift in its attitude towards serious drama on BBC 1, we may well find this press conference blessed with more than its usual share of interest.

Time and the Conways was meant to be the first in a series of six Plays of the Month, all of them already made, carried at Sunday night peak time on the popular channel as they have been for the last 20 years. But last week Michael Grade, the channel's controller, told drama staff he could guarantee space for only one, the Priestley play. The rest would have to wait for a slot elsewhere, presumably on BBC2, a channel over which Grade has no control.

Grade's verdict on one of its most venerable institutions has provoked enormous controversy within the *BBC*, and those lobbying against it may see Play of the Month reinstated this weekend. Whether or not that happens, the episode leaves the corporation in an uncomfortable position with the classical drama people who had grown accustomed to regarding Television Centre as a bastion of quality in a changing broadcasting world.

The BBC's head of drama, Peter Goodchild, has been quick to point out that the decision to shift classical productions to BBC2 was an old one, but he omitted to mention that it was one which concerned next year's programming. The productions affected by Grade's ruling were made for BBC1 with BBC1 money, and their disappearance into the vaults has appalled many who, in the past, would have defended the corporation to the hilt.

There is a simple reason for this. The BBC's existence rests upon its claim to offer a public service. One of the few common areas of agreement about the definition of public service broadcasting is the notion that it involves the occasional transmission of serious material at peak times on a popular channel.



Sir John Gielgud and John Shrapnel in *Antigone*: destined for the vault?

Kenneth Ives, who was responsible for two of the productions, said: "I think this whole thing is indicative of the headlong rush of the BBC down to the standards of the pap of American television. Any night, if one looks at the television now, what's worth watching is on Channel 4, not the BBC. The thing that really galls me is that the people who are making these decisions haven't even seen the plays.

"If you are chasing ratings then authors like Strindberg, Sartre and Sophocles aren't going to give you as much as Esther Rantzen and Terry Wogan. While they are estimable programmes in their own right, I think there should be a cultural balance."

James Cellan Jones, a former head of plays for the BBC and now chairman of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), has publicly defended the BBC against its critics and said that measures to change the corporation and introduce advertising, such as those proposed in a series of leaders in *The Times*, would be a tragedy for British broadcasting.

"If this had happened when I was there I would have felt like resigning", Cellan Jones said this week. "It is part of the BBC's job to put on classical drama at peak times whether it attracts a large audience or not. What is happening will put this drama into a ghetto where it will not be seen by a larger audience. The two channels will be polarized, which is not what they are there for."

The decision has deeply offended the performers involved, many of whom worked for the series well below their market rates. They include Omar Sharif and Jeanne Moreau, who made Sartre's *Vicious Circle*, and Sir John Gielgud who appeared in *Antigone*.

Colin Blakely, who made Strindberg's *The Father* with Dorothy Tutin and Edward Fox nearly two years ago, said: "It is a terrible tragedy the way the BBC is treating classical plays. The idea that they are too lacking in entertainment value for BBC1 and have to be hidden away on BBC2 is a very dangerous one. The BBC used to have such a good name in this respect, now it is actually lagging behind."

The current head of plays maintains that BBC1 will maintain its commitment to making drama. We may only guess at what sort of drama that might be.

It would be easy, although mistaken, to dismiss the Play of the Month issue as an internal BBC row with little relevance to wider arguments about the corporation's future.

At the same time that ITV and Channel 4 have continued to broadcast a remarkable cultural mix of programmes the BBC appears, in Jones' phrase, to be polarizing its two channels between popular television, on the one hand, and minority output on the other, achieving a disturbing homogeneity of style for each one in the process. It is an interesting comment on the myth that the advertiser's pound can only produce the predictable, and a measure of the uncomfortable state of flux in which British broadcasters now find themselves.

A day at the races with mother

Philip Norman finds the one spot in Los Angeles without a phone

The week I was to meet my mother in Los Angeles, my landlord in New York began proceedings to evict me. This is quite common in New York and ultimately was no cause for alarm; none the less there were things I could have been doing more useful than sitting in TWA Business Class, heading over the Grand Canyon to the City of the Angels.

My mother's foreign travels come about mainly through an organization called The Racegoers' Club. Under its auspices, people who enjoy racing or betting – or both, as in my mother's case – can go to race meetings in foreign countries, visit stud farms, meet trainers and owners and, often, enjoy handsome hospitality from the freemasonry of the Turf.

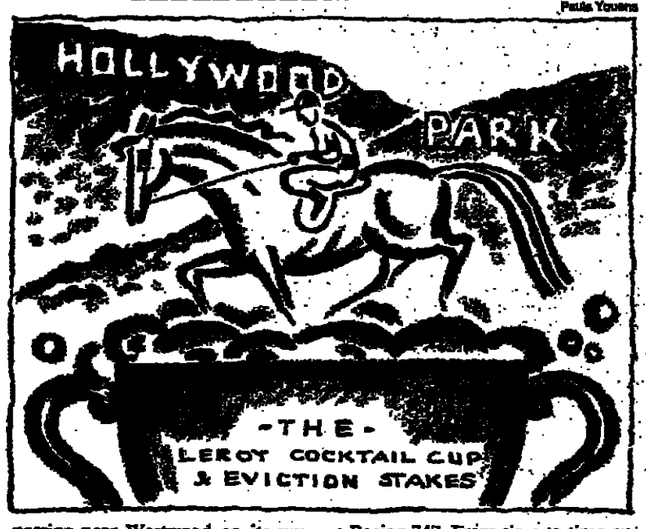
This present trip was to Hollywood Park races to see the $3 million Breeders Cup – an event which the *Sports Illustrated* in my lawyers' waiting-room described as "an equine Olympics Superbowl". "There are some wonderful horses in it," my mother said over the transatlantic phone, and I thought I could hear her reaching for the form book. "Don't tell me now," I said hastily. "Wait until I see you."

At the LA Downtown Hilton, I was met by my mother's great friend Joan, a woman whose sticky meringues are among the fonder memories of my boyhood.

Upstairs in their double room, I found my mother looking wan but resolute. She said it was all the fault of some "fishy orange juice" sent up by room service.

I decided to say nothing about my impending eviction. One's mother does not come stateside to hear such dreary news. I settled her down with Pepto-Bismol, Perrier and the form book, and went off to telephone my lawyer. The fishy orange juice, mercifully, was dispelled by two good nights sleep and a weekend promising to satisfy even my mother's appetite for glamour. On both days of the Breeders Cup meeting, the Racegoers were to be entertained in a brand new VIP enclosure called the Pavilion of the Stars.

Afterwards, we had been invited to visit an old friend of my mother's in Westwood. The difficulty was that the Racegoers' bus would not be passing near Westwood on its way back to their hotel.



Paula Youens

"Don't worry," I said. "We'll go on to Julia's from the racetrack by cab."

"You said there weren't any cabs in Los Angeles," my mother objected.

"Not on the *street*," I said, "but one can always phone for them."

"Where will you phone from?" my mother demanded.

"This is America," I said. "There are telephones *everywhere*."

On the bus journey to Hollywood Park, we sat with a baronet. He was quite young, very rubicund and extremely attentive, though whether to my mother or Joan in particular, one could not be absolutely sure.

We had, rather naturally, supposed the Pavilion of the Stars to be a pavilion frequented by stars. It was in fact a pink concrete hangar fronted by clear plastic that excluded all sound from the course, and situated about a quarter of a mile on the wrong side of the finishing post.

We watched the nine races in an atmosphere as stimulating as that of a Boeing 747. From time to time we trekked to the winners' enclosure, through a far more appealing non-VIP grandstand, full of fast-food stands and Pat Hobbyish bad characters. My mother formed a belief that the endmost clerk at the off-track betting counter had a lucky face, and with his help managed to finish up $20 or so in profit.

At 6 pm the Racegoers adjourned two levels up for a rather grudging cocktail party. After half an hour, I went outside to phone for our taxi to Westwood. Only now did I discover that, though there might be telephones every few inches throughout the rest of America, there are, for some obscure ethical reason, no telephones whatever in the precincts of the Hollywood Park racetrack. I further discovered I was locked out of the Pavilion of the Stars.

A cleaner finally let me in through a service door. I pounded up the four escalators to the cocktail party and, with some difficulty, prised my mother and Joan away from their plastic beakers of gin. "I can see a hotel across the car park," I said. "We'll walk across and phone for a cab from there."

"Brian's coming with us," my mother said, indicating the baronet.

In America – and especially California – never suppose that anything you can see is within walking distance. The car park merely took us into another car park, twice as enormous. Our progress was slow because of the vulnerability of my mother's hair-do and the mirth into which her friend Joan more and more frequently dissolved. To me, in my agitation, the two of them seemed like those little plastic figures one had as a child that would walk unsteadily down a gentle slope. One or the other was always wobbling off in the wrong direction. "*Please*," I entreated. "Watch out for the pot-holes." Back in New York, US marshals were probably breaking in and impounding my furniture.

We finally reached a busy highway which showed the hotel to be a mile or so further on than I had estimated. Across the highway, I spotted a neon sign reading "Leroy's Cocktails & Grill". Depositing my mother, Joan and the baronet on a roadside bench, and forbidding them to wobble off anywhere, I plunged into Leroy's Cocktails & Grill to beg use of a telephone.

I found myself in a Stygian wilderness of latticed disco light and juddering bass music. Around the bar sat a dozen of the biggest, most frightening black men I had ever seen.

I emerged from Leroy's intact, and rejoined my mother, Joan and the baronet on their bench.

"I've managed to call a cab," I panted. "It'll be here in 10 minutes."

My mother looked at Leroy's Cocktails & Grill with an expression I can only describe as petulant.

Oh . . . ", she said, "Can't we wait in the cocktail bar?"

This story has a happy ending. I refused to let my mother wait in the cocktail bar. Our cab did come. We reached our friend's house in Westwood. I was not evicted. The baronet did not press his suit. It remained quite crumpled when, three days later, he, my mother and Joan, with their form book and Scrabble board, jetted onward to Hawaii.

John O'Sullivan

Green about Ireland

There are 43 million Americans of Irish descent. And on St Patrick's Day in New York it is easy to believe that they are all crowded into the same five or six bars. The colour green is all-encompassing – green beer, green bunting, green plastic bowler hats over green-streaked hair and, of course, green shamrock. At the moments of heightened emotion, one would not be surprised at the production of green Kleenex.

However, only 25 or 30 per cent of these are Irish-Americans in the usual sense of the term – namely, people conscious of their Irish heritage and retaining an interest in the politics of Ireland. There are two broad groups. Supporters of the IRA and Noraid, a small minority, are distinguished by a romantically simplistic view of Irish history in which the British oppressed the Irish for 800 years out of sheer spite and are still doing so, and by a willingness to support terrorism and murder to overthrow the oppressor. Then there are the respectable Irish Americans, like New York's Archbishop O'Connor, who duly denounce IRA violence but also denounce a vague, anonymous "oppression" which everyone takes to be Ulster's incorporation in the United Kingdom. The archbishop did this rather too obviously, even clumsily. But the same equivocation will be found in such ultra-respectable figures, much quoted by British ministers, as the "Friends of Ireland", who include Speaker Tip O'Neill and Senators Kennedy and Moynihan.

The Friends, indeed, share Noraid's gloomy view of Irish history as a record of British oppression. And if they believe that this oppression has lightened recently, they don't think that the improvement has gone anything like far enough. Thus their St Patrick's Day statement declared sternly that "majority rule without minority rights is not democracy – it has brought oppression".

Despite the dramatic promise of these words, their document is hard-pressed to uncover any actual examples of minority rights that have been denied. It rummages around and proposes that the British government should end the oppression by "a return to due process in the judiciary, a strengthening of efforts to end discriminatory practices in employment, and elimination of abuses of prisoners".

Let us examine them in reverse order. The most serious abuse of prisoners is carried out by the prisoners themselves. To see it as an oppression of minorities is to ascribe magical powers to government. The demand that remedies for discrimination be strengthened is an admission that they exist. And remedying discrimination, even if inadequately, is the opposite of discriminating.

Finally, the extraordinary judicial methods in Ulster are a response to the extraordinary circumstances in which the IRA shoots witnesses and intimidates juries. Due process in such conditions would mean subordinating the search for the truth and other judicial considerations to the rights of the accused.

This is hardly state terrorism. But the fact that the respectable Friends can talk seriously of "oppression" serves to justify Noraid's backing for the Provos. Their condemnation of IRA terrorism in the same statement can therefore be dismissed by Noraid as feeble liberal hypocrisy.

It is the same when we come to Ulster's Protestant and Catholic communities. Noraid supporters dispose of the Protestants very simply. They look upon Northern Ireland as a struggle between the Irish and the British and remain unaware of the Protestant's existence.

This is too unsophisticated for the Friends. They embrace the analysis of the New Ireland Forum and talk generously of diversity, different traditions, ethnic and religious pluralism, and so on. And they lament the increasing "alienation" of the Catholics from Northern Ireland's institutions, which they attribute to lack of minority rights.

But since the Friends have great difficulty in discovering any violations of what are usually thought to be minority rights, that leaves only one civil right which the Catholic minority plainly lacks – the right to be the majority.

This lack does produce "alienation" in the strictest sense. It makes people feel that they are strangers in what they believe to be their own country. But hard cheese. Since no country can have two governments at the time, how is a country divided between two communities to avoid alienating somebody?

The Friends solve this conundrum quite simply by awarding the prize to the minority and supporting the "goal" of Irish unity.

Noraid supporters may not be able to follow the Friends through this complicated maze of subtleties. But they get the general drift – which they interpret, rightly or wrongly but logically, as a nod and a wink. This is obviously not the intention of respectable Irish-Americans, but it follows from their attachment to things such as the myth of a single Irish nation. While they cling to these myths and deny the plain fact that there are two Irish nations, they will continue to give aid and comfort to extremists whose actions they denounce.

Woodrow Wyatt

Patriotism that would work

Uninspired management, difficult trade-union leaders and our love of paying ourselves more than is justified are factors which slow down the reduction of unemployment. Another, often overlooked and as important, is a lack of ordinary patriotism in state organizations, in state-awarded monopolies and in the Government itself.

An ill-considered mania for international competition and sometimes *folie de grandeur* make the disposers of large contracts feel they act commercially and in the national interest when they place them abroad. No thought is given to the cost of the ensuing unemployment and the damage to our industry, and hardly any to whether the contracts are a good bargain.

On March 1 British Rail announced that over the next 25 years it would buy 1,500 locomotives at a cost of about £1.5 billion and that they would not necessarily be British. BR apparently thinks that the diesel locomotives made by General Motors (US) are substantially better than British diesel and is going out to international tender this summer.

BR will take a long time to recover from the loss of freight during the miners' strike, so the haste is unnecessary, but it will give an immense advantage to General Motors over British competitors who have not had time or help from BR to produce a new design. Indeed, in a letter to the *Financial Times* of March 8, Mr Roger Ford, technical editor of *Modern Railways* and an acknowledged authority, pointed out that any faults in the existing British diesels are mainly due to the many alterations imposed by BR itself, the companies concerned not being allowed to go ahead with their own better design.

If British Rail and Nicholas Ridley, the transport secretary, had a sense of patriotism they would act now to ensure that BR gets the type of diesel it wants from British manufacturers instead of throwing public money into America. The British locomotive industry happens to be very good, having last year exported over 70 electric locomotives in competition with European and Japanese firms.

When British Telecom was privatized it was promised that at least 95 per cent of equipment would be bought in Britain. Oftel (the Office of Telecommunication) and the secretary for industry have a duty under Section 3 (2) (b) of the Telecommunications Act 1984 to see that British manufacturers are able to compete effectively in and outside of Britain.

It seems that BT is not interested. It has asked ATT-Philips (US), Northern Telecom (Canada) and Ericson (Sweden) to tender for 10 to 15 per cent of the modernization programme of the whole UK exchange network and not the main British manufacturers, Plessay and GEC. BT has also asked the three foreign firms their prices for up to 40 per cent of the work, a total cost of some £3 billion.

BT complains of delays in the arrival of System X and says it wants a second source, but as BT was closely involved in the design of System X, and insisted on many changes, it is at least as responsible for any delays as the British manufacturers, who have high hopes of exporting the improved system. This will be made immeasurably more difficult by the no-confidence vote entailed in BT's blatant determination to get a huge amount of its modernization programme done by foreigners.

Only last month BT gave an order for £800,000 to ATT–Philips for optical fibre systems although the British Plessey tender was cheaper (Incidentally the US import duty on optical fibres is 14.7 per cent; ours is only 7.4 per cent.) Last month BT ordered nine telephone exchanges from ATT–Philips at a cost of £20 million, although the British offer was substantially lower.

The industry secretary and Oftel have powers to curb BT's ambitions to be a giant in international commerce and will be failing the nation if they do not use them. However, the Government appears loth to defend British interests. Along with West Germany and Italy British manufacturers are producing the Tornado strike aircraft which will have a total cost of some £6.5 billion. In February a Commons public spending committee revealed that Britain has already lost £250 million of the work to which it was entitled, through failure of the Ministry of Defence.

But what can you expect from a government which sends a trade and industry civil servant, Mr Thomas Sharp, to Tokyo this month to tell the Japanese that Britain believes "in openness in respect of trade and we hope that belief will prove infectious"? The Government doesn't believe that unilateral disarmament would be infectious; why should it believe that the Japanese would do anything other than roar with laughter at hearing that we will encourage import of their goods while they prevent the import of ours?

France, West Germany, Japan and other great industrial countries do not gratuitously invite foreigners to destroy their industries. We seem to be proud of doing so and forget that the smaller the volume of our industries the higher the price of the product and the consequent loss of our ability to export it.

When the Government upbraids the nation over unemployment for the mote in its eye it should consider the very large beam in its own.

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SILENCE OVER THE DOLE QUEUE

In his budget speech the Chancellor set out to show that the counter-inflation policy and a policy for jobs were not mutually exclusive. His political task, and that of most ministers, is to convince many members of the Conservative party of that case in the light of the fact that after six years of Tory governments, and a reduction in inflation, the number of unemployed still continues to rise.

Conservative back-benchers are just as susceptible as anybody else is to the raw statistics of unemployment even though those figures tell us so little about the real state of the labour market. With each month's public announcement politicians scramble to polish up the most outraged reaction but they do not seem to care to go into the subject in more detail. We do not hear any discussion about the rigidities of the economy which are preventing people from getting jobs, or the many new jobs which have been created, or the older ones which have lapsed, let alone those millions of jobs which are clearly fitted in to the workings of the black economy. All these aspects of the labour market are of enormous relevance to its workings and they are quite acceptable to the expert, but they are treated as some kind of political taboo.

So Mr Tom King's proposals about wage councils are a useful start on a long and painstaking road of public education about unemployment. There are two separate if related destinations. The first is to loosen up the labour market so that adult workers have a much greater incentive than nowadays to earn a wage. The second area on which Mr King should concentrate, and far the most important, is the whole question of youth employment. The goal for the Government would be a transformation in the whole youth culture and the attitudes of the younger generation to work and training.

It is generally accepted throughout the industrial economies that too high wages for school-leavers and for young people generally lead to a growth in youth unemployment. The OECD report for December 1984 spelt that out quite clearly. It showed that between 1966 and 1983 American youth employment rose while pay rates fell steadily, whereas rising British rates for youth wages in the same period resulted in double the number of young unemployed. At the practical level, concerning apprentices, the figures are even more telling. Where have all the British apprentices gone? The answer mostly is onto the dole, as a result of trade union insistence on high entry wages. Germany's first-year apprentices earn between 20 and 30 per cent of adult wages compared to 60 per cent for their British colleagues. Consequently, where half Germany's school-leavers go into apprentice schemes, only 5 per cent of British school-leavers do. Yet when apprentice pay can be reduced by agreement, as in the Electrical Contractors Association in 1983, which reduced apprentice pay from £41 per week to £27 per week, the number of new apprentices trebled from 850 to 2,650 within a year.

These matters do not just concern skilled apprenticeships, however. Mr King's plans for another year's extension of the Youth Training Scheme must amount to more than one extra year of the same. If he intends to preside over a whole revolution in youth employment and training practices, change – and painful change – will have to be applied to the whole system not just of industrial training but teacher training, formal schooling and attitudes to youth benefit which have become politically rigid since the robuster days of Beveridge.

Beveridge was against extending benefit to young people. He felt that ideally there should be no unconditional benefit at all and that their enforced abstention from work should be made an occasion for further training. Only practical reasons should stand in the way of those principles being applied again today, yet how many contemporary politicians who have lionized Beveridge would dare enunciate them at present?

AN OLD SHADOW LOOMS

From time to time, during the eight long years that Spain and Portugal have been pressing their candidature for membership of the European Community, a long shadow has fallen over the negotiations: that of General de Gaulle. Few have forgotten the General's dramatic "Non", which cut short the negotiations with Britain in January 1963; and few either in Madrid or in Brussels are unaware of the strength of opposition in France to Spanish entry, embracing as it does the Gaullists, the Communists, and the powerful farmers' union. Although both President Mitterrand and his predecessor, M Giscard d'Estaing, have made numerous statements welcoming the Spanish application in principle, there has always been the lurking fear that under pressure they might be driven to emulate de Gaulle, if not with an outright veto then with a filibuster.

The shadow loomed again on Thursday night when, at the end of a gruelling five days of argument which seemed to have resolved almost all the outstanding issues, the French foreign minister, M Roland Dumas, stuck fast on the relatively minor differences that remained, with the result that a new meeting of foreign ministers has had to be fixed for next Thursday, on the eve of the Community summit to be held in Brussels. When Signor Andreotti, the current chairman of the council of ministers, suggested that the summit itself might have to be postponed if a deal had not been worked out by Friday, M Dumas said he saw no reason for that, adding ominously: "Community life is not just about the entry of Spain and Portugal."

That is of course technically true, but their entry is now by far the most urgent problem on the Community agenda, and to imply that it could now be shelved until after the summit is nothing less than absurd.

There are several reasons why it is vital to get the issue settled without further delay. One is that the Germans have firmly, and rightly, insisted on an iron linkage between the enlargement of the Community and the increase in its "own resources" agreed on last year. This means that all those who reckon to get more money out of the Community than they put in – which still includes France – have a strong interest in getting enlargement through as quickly as possible.

Secondly, the longer the French government delays the nearer come next March's French elections and the greater the pressure on it to harden its position may become. At worst, the treaty might not even be ready in time to be ratified by the present French parliament, and a new parliament dominated by Gaullists could not be relied on to do it.

Thirdly, and most important of all, an agreement next week would take until May or June to translate into a treaty ready for signature, which is the very latest compatible with ratification by the twelve parliaments involved before the target date for Spanish and Portuguese accession, namely January 1 next year. If this target is missed the issue is likely to be still unresolved when Spaniards go to the polls next February to vote on their country's continued membership of Nato. And, as Prime Minister González has said, "if Spain were not able to opt for this process of European and Western integration, there would probably be an isolationist reflex which, in my judgement, would be pernicious in historic terms for our country, but also for Europe".

That judgement should surely be shared by any sensible European and to avoid such a reflex must be worth allowing Spain to keep a few more fishing-boats in service, or to produce a few million extra hectolitres of wine.

SHARPEVILLE JUBILEE

Only the South African police could commemorate the Sharpeville silver jubilee by shooting dead eighteen more blacks. At best it represents a lack of discipline and judgement comparable with that exhibited by their elders at that other event 25 years ago.

There are those who will argue that much has changed since then. Blacks now work in the supermarkets, the banks and hotels in South African cities, filling jobs which were once the preserve of the whites. The original concept of the tribal black homelands has eroded as blacks have settled among the fringes of the swelling towns.

In sport the process of de-segregation has been quite impressive – although this applies only to the professional and national arenas. Blacks do not commonly invade the precincts of the local golf club – nor is it yet a case of anyone for tennis.

These changes moreover are at best peripheral, speckling the surface of what remains a white-dominated society. The segregation of schools, of residential area, remains in place. So too do the pass laws, requiring blacks to carry passes when outside their tribal areas. It was a protest against the humiliation of the pass laws which led to the violence at Sharpeville.

As for majority rule it remains a distant dream or nightmare, depending on how one looks at it. The new constitution introduced last year extending a small measure of power-sharing to the Coloured and Indian communities, represented a significant shift in the Pretoria government's position. On the other hand it has done nothing to fulfil black aspirations. What Mr P. W. Botha has in mind for the far from silent majority in his country remains unclear. But it looks unlikely that blacks will be offered more than a consultative role – a bit part in the business of government.

The more far-sighted in South Africa have long appreciated that apartheid as originally conceived – forgetting for a moment the moral dimension – is, in the long term, unworkable. The economic growth of South Africa and the urbanisation of society has created an inter-dependence which has little to do with separate development.

What apartheid has done therefore is to complicate the advancement of South Africa to an extent which many find intolerable. Repressive laws, squalid and inadequate housing, second-rate education and poor job opportunities have cut off South Africa's blacks from the benefits they had a right to share – and thus created a frustrated majority whose discontent has impinged upon the country as a whole.

What progress has been made towards a more equitable society is the result of pressure – not gentle persuasion. There can be little doubt that the desegregation in professional sport has been forced upon Pretoria by the 10-year-old boycott by other countries, which has in itself made white sportsmen restive. Now industrialists – some of whom gathered for a conference at Leeds Castle recently – have been pushing for more freedom and better conditions for black workers – partly to facilitate the mobility of labour and partly to lessen discontent.

If change is inevitable, then in everyone's interests it should be introduced peacefully. But it must be acknowledged that there are those in South Africa who do not necessarily agree – or might not have the patience to wait. Disasters like that two days ago can only lend strength to their cause.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Hackney is holding firm

From the Leader of Hackney Borough Council

Sir, Your editorial (March 7) attacking the stand against the 1984 Rates Act being made by a large number of local authorities implies that these authorities are indulging in political posturing, that they have no conviction to put up a real fight against rate-capping and that they have no support from the communities they represent. These implications are false, and I should like to cite the example of Hackney to set the record straight.

Hackney Council is being asked by Patrick Jenkin to cut its spending next year from £118 million to meet the new "rate-capped" target of £92 million. This cut of £26 million represents just over 22 per cent of our budget - a budget which contains no uncommitted growth.

We have published this budget and consulted widely with community groups, individual rate-payers and the local chamber of commerce to ascertain whether or not local people support our campaign against the massive loss of local services and jobs implied by the Government's targets and penalties system and withdrawal of rate-support grant.

At a public conference on the budget and in a procession and rally organised by local people the response coming back to us has been one of total support. The people of Hackney, in common with the people of other deprived inner-city areas also being rate-capped, are sick and tired of seeing their homes, streets and living environment crumble as central Government funding through rate-support grant is progressively slashed to the tune of £70 million in Hackney since 1979.

The people who voted in 50 Labour councillors out of 60 seats on Hackney Council do not expect to see those councillors abandon their manifesto commitments overnight and start implementing Government policies when those policies mean thousands more local people on the dole (in a borough where already one person in four is unemployed) and the closure of services on which many local people depend.

As to a lack of conviction, on March 7 this council voted by 40 votes to 17 in favour of a motion stating quite clearly that we believe it is impossible to fix a rate for the coming year until the Government restores the rate-support grant, abandons the confused and confusing system of targets and penalties and withdraws the undemocratic Rates Act 1984. Together with the other authorities taking this stand in support of local democracy we shall continue to call upon Patrick Jenkin to consider the needs and demands of local people.

Your faithfully,
HILDA KEAN,
Leader of the Council,
London Borough of Hackney,
The Leader's Room,
Town Hall,
Mare Street, E8.
March 13.

Care of dogs in Japan

From Sir Michael Wilford

Sir, David Watts's letter from Tokyo ("Touching tribute to canine loyalty", February 28) presents a picture of the animal welfare situation in Japan which, in fact, is by no means as rosy as he portrays it.

Of course there are many animal-lovers in Japan and also many Japanese who are concerned with the imperfections of the situation in their country, just as there are Britons in both categories here.

We have our own hard-pressed RSPCA and this in a country which prides itself on its treatment of animals. It is, perhaps, less well known that in Japan there exists the Japan Animal Welfare Society (JAWS), a comparable, but smaller and poorer, body founded some 30 years ago by Lady Gascoigne, wife of the then British Ambassador in Tokyo, to combat a very unsatisfactory situation, both in respect of animal treatment generally and experimentation in particular, and to encourage necessary national legislation.

Reflecting its founder's nationality, there is also a JAWS (UK) whose function is solely to help the Japanese body to do its job by providing supplementary funds, expertise and training of personnel (not least with RSPCA help).

It would be a grave disservice to JAWS in Japan, and still more to the animals themselves, if the effect of Watts's article were to suggest to animal-lovers in Britain that their continued support of JAWS (UK) was no longer necessary. It is. The need was never greater.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WILFORD
(Ambassador to Japan 1975-80),
Brook Cottage,
Abbotts Ann,
Andover,
Hampshire.
March 7.

After the Coronation

From Norroy and Ulster King of Arms

Sir, Where are the canopies? At the coronations of Kings Edward VII, George V, George VI and our present Queen selected knights of the Garter held an elaborately embroidered canopy over the Sovereign during the anointing.

What happened to these after the Coronation ceremony? My, admittedly modest, investigations have drawn a blank. So I would welcome any clues your readers can supply.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
J. P. BROOKE-LITTLE,
Norroy and Ulster,
The College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street, EC4.
March 12.

Pay for directors – up, up and away

From Mr R. G. Opie

Sir, It was naughty of you to publish on the same day (March 20) the details of both Mr Lawson's Budget and that of eight directors of ICI, in particular of that of its chairman. The chairman's pay, you report, has risen from £170,999 (accuracy is important in these matters), or £3,288.44 per week, to £5,524.25 per week, a mere 67.99 per cent extra.

Now, Sir, my admiration for Mr John Harvey-Jones is considerable but, unlike his pay, it has not increased by 67.99 per cent, at least not within one year. You quote him as saying: "It is not for us to say if we are worth what we are paid. Uncle Tom Cobbleigh and all will do that, and rightly so". Very well then.

His excuse for these rather handsome increases is "the responsibilities that all ICI directors carry (and incidentally relish)". But, Sir, if they *enjoy* their job, why pay them so much more for what they already do so happily? And have these "relished" responsibilities become 67.99 per cent more onerous within one year?

What has increased is not their responsibilities but ICI's profits. And that upsurge in profits was not the result of 67.99 per cent extra or harder work, but of the fall in the sterling/dollar exchange rate. In other words, the ICI directors have simply grabbed what they could get, or what their cleverly written contracts specified.

A number of questions arise. Will the wages and salaries of all the ICI staff also rise by that amount this year? And why should Mr Harvey-Jones receive an extra 67.99 per cent for his (extra?) responsibilities when teachers are offered 4 per cent, i.e., a real salary cut, for theirs? And if the Chancellor's views on these things are valid, are not the directors of ICI in danger of "pricing themselves out of a job"?

Yours faithfully,
R. G. OPIE,
New College,
Oxford.
March 21.

From Sir Dennis Pilcher

Sir, It is little short of a public scandal that the Chairman of ICI receives an increase of 68 per cent, so his pay becomes over £287,000 a year.

Boards fix their own pay – of course reported to members, but this is *post*, not *propter*. This increase must have been so fixed for I am a shareholder in ICI and I have not been asked to approve.

Do these people not understand that such action in regard to such huge amounts brings discredit to themselves and forfeits them the confidence, not only of their own members but of society at large.

There is clearly a case for setting a limit to board salaries beyond which they cannot go without members' authority in a general meeting, similar to that which exists in regard to, say, capital increase.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
DENNIS PILCHER,
Brambles,
Batts Lane,
Mare Hill,
Pulborough,
West Sussex.
March 20.

From Mr W. A. Allen

Sir, I notice that we are playing the usual game of "Do as I say, not do as I do" with regard to workers "pricing themselves out of a job", which seems to be the in phrase when pay rounds are imminent.

Following the 70 per cent rise in salary of Sir George Jefferson, the chairman of British Telecom, and a similar rise for his fellow directors, I now read of the 68 per cent rise awarded to Mr John Harvey-Jones, chairman of ICI, and big rises for his directors. His rise of £2,000 per week, to £287,261 per year, makes even Sir George's £160,000 per year seem like peanuts.

What will be interesting will be to see what possible reasonable arguments the boards of these companies could use to reject any reasonable pay claim that their workforce may put forward this year. What is also mildly interesting to me is the attitude of our Government to salary rises of this magnitude which, if suggested by the likes of Arthur Scargill for his members, would be branded as industrial suicide, and against the "national interest".

Yours faithfully,
W. A. ALLEN,
5 King George Road,
Fawdon,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
March 20.

Charities out in the cold

From Mr Robert S. Q. Williams

Sir, As yet, no mention has been made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer about exempting charities from paying VAT on their advertising in newspapers and magazines. I hope that it is not too late to stir his conscience.

As things stand, charities, unlike commercial enterprises, cannot claim the VAT that they will have to pay out, with the result that they will suffer a direct increase in costs.

Yours,
R. S. Q. WILLIAMS, Chairman,
Social Service Advertising Ltd.
West End House,
11 Hills Place, W1.
March 21

Broadcasting troubles

From Mr John Gau

Sir, *The Times* is quite properly conducting a debate about the BBC's role in British broadcasting. But I must protest at the highly selective way you have quoted (March 20) from my article on the same theme in this month's IPPA *Bulletin*.

Let me put the record straight. I said that the BBC is one of the greatest broadcasting organizations in the world. Its programmes are a benchmark against which the rest of television in this country has to measure itself. Shortage of funds puts this position seriously at risk.

It cannot expect much help from an administration which is already giving to the Arts Council, the British Council and the universities much less than they need. It is my view that advertising would bring the whole delicately balanced structure of British broadcasting crashing down. So I argued that the BBC should consider alternative ways of managing on its income.

A high proportion of its expenditure is taken up by its long tradition of doing all aspects of production itself. It builds and equips its own studios and facilities, and it maintains a large permanent staff.

The suggestion that I put forward in my article was that the BBC might reduce this continuing overhead and appreciably cut its costs if it were to buy more of its programmes from the independent sector. In other words, if in some degree it was to follow the model of Channel Four.

I put this case forward because I believe wholeheartedly in the BBC and in what it does. Unlike many of its critics, I feel its duty as a public service broadcaster requires it to operate in all the areas it already does – even *Breakfast Time* and local radio. It is, after all, our only national instrument of broadcasting.

The nub of my argument, therefore, was that the BBC could afford all its present commitments if it adopted the approach I put forward in my article. It could then continue to be one of the world's greatest broadcasting organizations.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GAU, Chairman,
Independent Programme Producers' Association,
50-51 Berwick Street, W1.
March 20.

Truly dreadful

From Mrs G. H. Newsom

Sir, Mr P. S. Johnson (March 20) is quite mistaken in imagining that Kipling unwittingly used the title of James Thomson's poem, *City of Dreadful Night*, without being conscious of the poem.

In his autobiography, *Something of Myself*, Kipling said that when he read the poem on school holidays it "shook me to my unformed core". Further, a letter he wrote to his cousin, Margaret Burne-Jones, and dated September 1885, shows that he was only too conscious of Thomson's poem when, only a month before, he had written the article about "the heat tortured city of Lahore".

Yours faithfully,
M. A. NEWSOM, Hon Librarian,
The Kipling Society,
18 Northumberland Avenue, WC2.

Little appreciated

From Mr Kenneth Marr-Johnson

Sir, I refer to the letter from Mr Cole in your issue of March 15 about the Forth Bridge.

The designs were made by my grandfather, Thomas Marr-Johnson during his partnership with Fowler which ended in 1870. My grandfather died in 1874, but his part in it was recognised to the extent that my grandmother went in the special train to the opening.

I am glad Baker was honoured at the time for his great services but I am afraid few people are remembered after 100 years unless they happen to attract popular attention.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH MARR-JOHNSON,
Flat 3,
14 Onslow Square, SW7.
March 18.

Redefining co-existence

From Mr Lionel Bloch

Sir, Why should Mr Gorbachov withdraw the Soviet troops from Afghanistan if, regardless of his policies, Western leaders flock to Moscow to greet his accession to power?

Why should he show any respect for the promises that Russia made at Helsinki if he can go on violating every human right in the USSR?

Why indeed should he take the slightest notice of any Western plea if we show ourselves so anxious to do business with him, attend summits and accept peaceful co-existence on his terms. All he has to do is to assert blandly that there are crucial differences between his and our system.

When he addressed the House of Commons last December he replied to a mild question on human rights by attacking Britain for alleged brutality in Northern Ireland. That impertinence gives us the real measure of the man whose tendentious message you deem fit to reprint so prominently (March 13).

I suggest that the Western press should never print the speeches or messages of Soviet leaders unless it is agreed in advance that *Pravda* will print the messages and articles of our leaders and give them equal prominence in its pages.

Yours faithfully,
LIONEL BLOCH,
9 Wimpole Street, W1.
March 13.

From Mr C. C. Wrigley

Sir, I will buy *The Times* again when there is evidence that its editorials are written in London and not dictated from across the Atlantic.

Yours faithfully
C. C. WRIGLEY,
As from: 37 Highdown Road,
Lewes, East Sussex.
March 18.

Prescription costs

From Dr John Drewe

Sir, Your second leader (March 14) considered the imminent 25 per cent increase in the NHS prescription charge and the anomalies in existing categories of exemptions.

Evidently it is not generally known that for outpatients attending many London hospitals the cost of a prescribed course of medication has in fact increased substantially for those not exempt. The problem is that in order to avoid or minimise overspending, the policy has been to impose a maximum time (usually two weeks) for which drugs can be prescribed at any visit.

When a specialist prescribes a longer course (six weeks is not unusual) although a return visit is clinically unnecessary, the patient faces the expense and inconvenience of having to return (possibly several times), each time paying the hospital pharmacy the NHS fee.

It is ironic that Government policy has to some extent contributed to the increased cost of health in NHS hospitals. The drastic cut in resources available to most London hospitals (even to the lack of sufficient clean laundry for in-patients and surgical procedures) has led to the closure of facilities which were previously used by private patients, and therefore subsidized by the NHS.

Moreover, it is now less easy for certain consultants to treat their private patients using the services (too often unpaid) of the professions supplementary to medicine, which includes orthoptists and physiotherapists, who are employed by the NHS.

This abuse, although as iniquitous as a consultant pocketing a fee paid to the hospital, is rarely reported officially because the career prospects of those in these professions depend completely on the consultants to whom they are responsible.

Yours faithfully,
J. J. DREWE,
148 Willifield Way,
Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11.
March 15.

Doubtful credentials

From Mr Robin Maclellan

Sir, A UK passport application has to be signed by one who (note 8, form A) "... is a Member of Parliament, Justice of the Peace, Minister of Religion, Lawyer, Bank Officer, Established Civil Servant, School Teacher, Police Officer, Doctor or person of similar standing..."

Similar standing to what? Does the present behaviour of some of these groups still qualify them to be picked out as paragons?

Yours
ROBIN MACLELLAN,
11 Beechwood Court,
Bearsden, Glasgow.
March 10.

Brave face on it

From Mrs Dymphna Byrne

Sir, In our vigorous job-expanding, child-rearing thirties we were oblivious to retirement or old age; they would never affect us.

Now, with both of us suddenly and harshly guillotined by the former and with the latter galloping headlong towards us, our previously turbid fifties are incandescent with aware activity.

Perhaps to rage against the dying of the light is more important in one's sixties than to be consigned to one of Mr Dunlop's categories (March 11) of "wonderful, considering"

Yours sincerely,
DYMPHNA BYRNE,
6 Woodchester,
Hagley,
West Midlands.
March 12.

From Mr A. R. Woodburn

Sir, Surely the point is that many people look on their actual age with a sense of humour. This is particularly so among the elderly.

I recall the gentleman who, on reaching his 80th birthday, declared that at last he could claim to be nearly 90. I know of a number of folk in their late 90s who are already planning their centenary celebrations. And I remember that, far from groaning at the advancement of old age, one lady said she was going to be "101 next birthday". Several months later she was.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. WOODBURN,
Methodist Homes for the Aged,
25/35 City Road, EC1.
March 11.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 23, 1885

The two Afghan Wars of 1838-42 and 1878-81 had within them the seeds of a conflict between British and Russian interests in the frontier region. In 1886 tension between the countries was at its height and war was only averted by a compromise, which, in September of that year, defined the Russo-Afghan border.

THE AFGHAN FRONTIER QUESTION

(BY INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH)
CALCUTTA, MARCH 23, 1885

Although last week's telegrams seem to indicate that negotiations with Russia are taking a somewhat more peaceful turn, the interest and excitement with which the Indian public are watching the situation in Central Asia are in no degree diminished. The Ministerial statements in Parliament have caused a general feeling of disappointment, and the fear is freely expressed that the Government will not keep up a bold front, but again commit the blunder of accepting Russian assurances. The general opinion in India is that it is not of the least use to make a fuss about the Russians withdrawing from the debatable land, and that the really important point is that they all this while are reinforcing their troops in the Transcaspian region, and whenever it is convenient for them to break off negotiations, they will be in a position to make a rush for Herat.

But the vacillating spirit which appears to persuade the Cabinet has not affected the Indian Government, and there has not been a moment of relaxation in the military preparations in this country. Orders have been given for 50,000 men to be held in readiness. They are now ready, fully equipped for service, and can be started at any time. The batteries of the Punjab Frontier Force are being increased from four to six guns. The Goorkha regiments are also being largely increased. All military furlough is stopped, and supplies and transport for a large force are being collected at Quetta and other points towards Pishin. Other, although less apparent, preparations are being pushed on rapidly, and the military authorities are confident that, with the arrangements which have been in progress for some time past, they could place a powerful army at Herat long before the Russians could take it.

India unassisted can probably beat back the Russian attack at Herat, but cannot do more. Anglo-Indians and natives share the belief that to beat back that attack will not be enough. India looks to England to put an end at once and forever to Russian menace, which has so long been the greatest source of anxiety. The people of England should remember that this is not a crisis to be met, like the Nile expedition, by sending out small bodies of troops unit by unit. They should meet it in the same spirit in which they met the crisis, hardly more serious of the Mutiny, and should be prepared to send at least 50,000 more European troops to this country at once. England should address Russia in the words of Lord Dalhousie:-"If you will have war, then by God you shall have war." It should be war to the knife all the world over.

Several Indian newspapers urge that the time has come for the British Government to consider whether an alliance with Germany, Austria and Turkey against Russia is possible. But whatever be thought of the possibility of such an arrangement, there is no difference of opinion in this country, that if Russia elects for war, no peace should be made till she be rendered powerless for further mischief.

If any doubt has ever been felt regarding the feeling of the natives in the present crisis that doubt no longer exists. It is abundantly clear that their feeling is one of most enthusiastic loyalty. Hindoos and Mahomedans are quite shrewd enough to see that they would gain nothing by Russia's success: and the manner in which all the native princes have put the whole resources of their States at the disposal of the Government shows that they are anxious to be allowed to take their part in the struggle which they foresee must come sooner or later.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 22: The Queen arrived at Eastleigh Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt) and the Mayor of Eastleigh (Councillor Mrs M. E. Kyrle).

The Queen subsequently opened the New Hampshire Fire Brigade Headquarters at Eastleigh.

Having been received by the Chairman of the County Council (Councillor Sir Lydon White) and the Chief Fire Officer (Mr J R Pearson), Her Majesty toured the bulding, unveiled a commemorative plaque and honoured the Chairman of the County Council with her presence at luncheon.

The Duchess of Grafton, Sir William Heseltine and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Colonel-in-Chief, The Worcester and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot), was represented by Brigadier P. Hargrave at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Brigadier J. J. M. Hackett which was held at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 22: The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Forties Bravo Production Platform in the Forties Field, Central North Sea.

His Royal Highness, attended by Major Jack Stenhouse, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 22: The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited Otter Controls Ltd, and later opened the pavilion Lounge, Buxton. In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited Treak Cliff Cavern and Midlnd Ross (Cambian) Ltd, Castleton, and later opened the National Park and Tourist Information Centre, Bakewell.

The Duke of Gloucester travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Major Nigle Chamberlayne-Macdonald was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES' PALACE
March 22: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, today received Lieutenant-Colonel David Biggart on his assuming command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Shervington on his relinquishing this appointment; Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Bibbey on his assuming command of the 2nd Battalion; Lieutenant-Colonel Jolyon Willans on his assuming command of the 3rd Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel James Aldous on his relinquishing this appointment; and Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Brook on his assuming command of the 6th Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Wood on his relinquishing this appointment.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D J R Bell and Miss J R Garner
The Engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mrs J M Bell, of Albany Mansions, London, SW11, and Brussels, Belgium, and Jennifer Younger daughter of the late Mr K J Garner and Mrs E L Garner, of Boggabri, New South Wales, Australia.

Dr S J Charles and Miss K Strøm
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Dr and Mrs J A Charles, of Cambridge, and Kari, daughter of Mr and Mrs F Strøm, of Lier, Norway.

Mr D A Close and Miss K Fillingham
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs R E Close, of North Elmham, Norfolk, and Karen, Younger daughter of major and Mrs J F Fillingham, of Lamplugh, Cumbria.

Mr B K W F Levy and Miss E Ribacoff
The engagement is announced between Bernard, son of the late Mr Fritz Levy and of Mrs Rachel Levy, of Hampstead, London, and Eliane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Marc Ribacoff, of Mount Vernon, New York.

Mr N Mitchell and Miss R C E Holton
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Mitchell, of Bainton Road, Oxford, and Ruth, younger daughter of Mr Francis Holton and the late Mrs Holton, of Lawn Road, Hampstead, London.

Mr E. M. O'Morchoe and Miss C. M. Forbes
The engagement is announced between Edward Maurice, younger son of the late Mr M. G. O'Morchoe and of Mrs Eileen O'Morchoe, of Foulksmills, Co Wexford, and Christian Margaret, younger daughter of Mr A. G. D. Forbes, of Druminnor Castle, Aberdeenshire, and Mrs Alison Forbes, of Chelsea, London, SW3.

Mr J F G North and Miss H S Best
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of the late Lieutenant Commander, W F G North, RN (retd), and of Mrs North, of Lee House Cottage, Broadlands, Romsey, Hampshire, and Helen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs S J Best, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr D. W. Parker and Miss H. Lucas
The engagement is announced between David, second son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Parker, of Skelmorlie, Ayrshire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Lucas, of Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr J. H. Rees and Miss L. J. Locke
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Huw, elder son of Mr and Mrs K. T. W. Rees, of Derwen Fawr, Swansea, and Lynette Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B. J. B. Locke, of Estovers, Coumandene, Dorking.

Mr B. Russell and Miss S. A. Johnson
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on July 27, 1985, at St Mary's Church, Tatsfield, between Bryan, younger son of Dr and Mrs J. L. Russell, of Llandebr-y-cennin, and Sarah Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. K. Johnson, of Downe House, Tatsfield, Kent.

Mr S. J. Weighill and Miss A. V. Greig
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs W. P. Weighill of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Alison, younger daughter of the late Captain J. R. Greig and Mrs K. Greig, of Enford, Wiltshire.

Mr S. Winston and Miss R. Hemsley
The engagement is announced between Stehen, only son of the late Mr B. Winston and of Mrs D. Winston, and Rosie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Hemsley.

Mr C. F. Pearch and Miss J. A. Carron Brown
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr Robert Pearch, of St Maximin, Uzes, France, and Mrs Mary Pearch, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Janet, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Hamish Brown, of Seale, Surrey.

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Church's great intellectual task

In 1936 a book was published by a young Oxford philosopher which had a remarkable effect on the intellectual climate of a couple of generations of philosophers.

Its influence, however, was not confined to philosophy, for A. J. Ayer's *Language, Truth and Logic*, in introducing the anti-metaphysical ideas of logical positivism, appealed to a far wider public in its insistence that science is about sense and religion is about non-sense and therefore nonsense.

Ayer's youthful confidence has become considerably attenuated in the intervening years, and in a recent television interview with Bryan Magee he made the startling admission that "nearly all the book was false". And yet the crude notion of science it expounds, with its naive dismissal of metaphysics, is still a widely held view and constitutes the "received view" accepted by scientist, theologian and layman alike.

The stark fact that religion, for the majority of our society today, is entirely without meaning, is in no small measure attributable to the powerful and all-pervading legacy of positivism.

What is not so generally realized is that Karl Popper published a book two years earlier, in 1934, that completely demolished Ayer's thesis. In other words *Language, Truth and Logic* was refuted before it was written. The fact that Popper's *Logic der Forschung* was not published in English until 1959 (under the title *The Logic of Scientific Discovery*) accounts in some measure for this extraordinary state of affairs, but at a deeper level it indicates the tenacity with which people cling to long held traditions and received views long after they have been discredited.

The sceptical, empirical tradition has a long history in British thought and by the same token it is taking a long time for it to be displaced, even by the most cogent alternative. As Clifford Longley has written in these columns (July 9, 1984) what is needed is a profound critique of the whole Western intellectual tradition since Descartes and the Enlightenment, and far from being of interest only to a philosophical elite it would be of fundamental relevance to the lives of ordinary people and the institutions they construct.

The legacy of positivism is profound and widespread and certainly not limited to religion. The scientific world-conception of the post-enlightenment positivists penetrated all areas of life; edcation, upbringing; architecture, economic and social life.

Its influence on religion, which began with the liberal protestant theology of the nineteenth century and which has found expression in various forms of reductionism – of religion to ethics, to psychology, and more recently to politics, finds contemporary echoes in the current controversies surrounding the Bishop of Durham and the Rev Don Cupitt, Dean of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Its influence can even be detected in some of the recent efforts to update the language of religion, in scripture and worship, by attempting to eliminate the metaphysical and supernatural elements in order to make it more "scientific". This is the spirit of the reduction of Elijah's "still small voice" to "a low murmuring sound" in the New English Bible.

As a reaction to the rigours of positivism many thinkers have embraced a relativism in which all beliefs are given equal credence by putting them beyond all rational criticism. Once again, the influence of such ideas is not limited to the academic world, for such relativist theories of science and religion, indeed of all human institutions.

If there is one name that links these ideas it is that of Ludwig Wittgenstein who is reckoned to have fathered not one philosophy but two. Just as many theologians subscribe to the positivist theory of science, so they cling to the Wittgensteinian life-raft which promises to keep religion afloat.

None of this will do, for both positivism and relativism are false and dangerous philosophies, lethal not only to science and religion but to the very notion fo rationalism in human affairs.

What is the alternative? There is, of course, no once-for-all philosophy that comes through all criticism unscathed. Philosophy is ever in a state of flux. However, he most promising way forward has been charted by Sir Karl Popper in his writings over the past half century. His philosophy is by no means inviolable, but as a consistent and powerful critic of both positivism and relativism, of both phases of Wittgenstein's philosophy, he does suggest a more fruitful, optimistic and plausible approach.

There is no doubt about his influence on the philosophy of science. What is surprising is that his work has never been appreciated or taken seriously by philosophers of religion who would do well to attempt to understand what the philosophy of science is about, and what are its implications for religion, with particular regard for Popper's wide-ranging ideas.

Once it is accepted that natural science is deeply dependent on metaphysics, then metaphysics need not be an embarrassment to the religious apologist. No special pleading is required, neither need religion be relegated to the realm of the irrational.

David Hume, Ayer's mentor and the severest critic of religion, is right in identifying the metaphysical nature of religion. We do not counter or side-step Hume by resorting to post-Wittgensteinian relativism and irrationalism, but we meet his criticism by admitting metaphysics as essential, not only to religion, but to natural science as well.

It is at this deep level that science nd religion are at one, and share together the task of providing a unifying picture, or account of the world and of our relationship with it. This is no mere academic exercise: for man, who is at odds with himself and with the world, will have no future unless he attempts to achieve atonement and harmony with the world.

This is the greatest intellectual task facing the church today, and its consequences for the man in, or out of, the pew are enormous.

Derek Stonesby
Rector of St Chad, Ladybarn, Manchester

Royal Society

The followinng have been elected Fellows of the Royal Society:

Professor W J Albery, professor of physical Chemistry, Imperial College of Science and Technology, London; Professor S Arnott, vice-president for research and dean of the graduate school, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, US; Dr M Barber, reader in chemistry, UMIST; Professor G E P Box, Ronald Aylmer professor of statistics, University of Wisconsin, US; Dr M S Bretscher, member of the scientific staff of the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge; Dr R R Bullough, head of the division of materials development at AERE, Harwell; Dr M Burrows, reader of neurobiology, Cambridge University.

Professor J H Coates, professor of mathematics, Université de Paris-Sud (Orsay); Professor D Colquhoun, professor of pharmacology, University College London; Professor J L C Culhane, professor of physics, University College London; Professor Naomi Datta, professor of microbiological genetics, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London; Professor J F Dewey, professor of geology, Durham University; Sir Diarmuid Downey, chairman and managing director of Ricardo Consulting Engineers plc, Shoreham-on-Sea; Dr J R Ellis, member of the scientific staff of the theoretical studies division, CERN, Geneva.

Dr M Gaster, senior principal scientific officer, the Hon Mrs Liddell, Middlesex; Dr M L H Green, Royal Society British Gas senior research fellow, Oxford University; Dr D J Greenwood, head of the soil science department at the National Vegetable Research Station, Wellesbourne, Warwick; Dr P H Grrenwood, senior principal scientific officer, British Museum (Natural History), London; Professor G H Hassall, formerly director of research, Roche Products, Welwyn Garden City; Professor W G Hill, professor of animal genetics, Edinburgh University; Dr N C Hughes-Jones, member of the scientific staff of the MRC group on mechanisms in tumour immunity, Cambridge; Dr I M Kerr, head of the biochemical regulatory mechanisms laboratory, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London; Professor P D Magnus, professor of chemistry, Indiana University, US.

Professor D G Mayne, professor of control theory and head of the department of electrical engineering at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London; Professor J E Midwinter, British Telecom professor of optoelectronics, University College London; Dr J D Murray, reader in mathematics and director of the Centre for Mathematical Biology, Oxford University; Professor R M Needham, professor of computer systems and head of the computer laboratory, Cambridge University; Professor J S Pale, professor of physiology, University of California, Berkeley, US.

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Birthdays

TODAY: Professor H. C. Allen, 68; Mr Norman Bailey, 52; Sir Roger Bannister, 56; Mr Barry Cryer, 50; Mr P. P. Dunkley, 63; Mr Jimmy Edwards, 65; Marshal of the RAF Lord Elworthy, 74; Mr Peter Godfrey, 61; Mr Douglas Jay, 78; Sir David McNee, 60; Mr Michael Manser, 56; Mr Edward Middleditch, 62; Mr Alfred Morris, MP, 57; Sir Ralph Perring, 80; Sir Edward Warner, 74; the Right Rev G. O. Williams, 72; Sir Denis Wright, 74.

TOMORROW: Air Chief Marshal Sir John Davis, 74; Miss Jane Drew, 74; Professor Stephen Elek, 71; Sir Stanley Gomes, 84; Sir John Kendrew, 68; Miss Sonia Lannaman, 29; Sir Peter Meinertzhagen, 65; Mr Malcolm Muggeridge, 82; Sir Noel Murless, 75; the Earl of Selborne, 45; Professor Dorothy Severin, 43; Sir Lincoln Steel, 85; Mr Tommy Trinder, 76; Professor H. B. Whittington, 69.

The Hon Neville and Mrs Berry very much regret their inability to attend the memorial service for the Earl of Birkenhead owing to their absence abroad.

Memorial service

The Earl of Birkenhead

A memorial service for the Earl of Birkenhead was held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. Canon Trevor Beeson officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Douglas Feaver and the Rev Christopher Hodgson. The Hon David Verney read from the works of William Drummond and Lord Cherwode read extracts from the letters of William Wilberforce. Mr Edward Cazalet, QC, gave an address. Among those present were:

The Countess of Birkenhead (mother), Mr John and Lady Juliet Townsend (brother-in-law and sister), Eleanor Townsend, Alice Townsend, Margaret Townsend, Viscount Camrose, Lord Hartwell, Colonel the Hon Juliet Berry, Major and the Hon Mrs R G McNair Scott, the Hon Lady Cotterell, the Hon Adrian and Mrs Berry, the Hon Mrs Martin Cullen, the Hon Eleanor Berry, Mrs Lawrence Kelly, Miss Rosanna Kelly, Miss Rachel Kelly, Mr Nicholas Kelly, Mr and Mrs Charles Williams, Mr and Mrs Nigel McNair Scott, Mr and Mrs Thomas Williams, the Hon Christopher and Mrs Chetwode, Mr Michael Chetwode, Mr and Mrs Simon Berry, the Hon Alexander Cherkassky, Mrs A Gilmour Mr and Mrs David Beckhouse.

Mary Duchess of Boxburghe, the Duke of Atholl, the Marquess and Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, Patricia Marchioness of Huntly, the Earl and Countess of Arran, Viscount and Viscountess Boyd of Merton, Viscount Head, Dorothea Viscountess Head, Viscount Blakenham, Viscount Ward of Witley, Viscountess Hereford, Lady Butler of Saltron Walden, the Dowager Lady Haskell, Lord and Lady Gladwyn, Lord and Lady Wilberforce, Lady Soames, Lord and Lady Dacre of Glanton, Lord and Lady Ilife, Lord Rennell, Mr David Howell, MP, and Mrs Howell, Mr Paul Channon, MP, and Mrs Channon, Lady Jean Rankin, Lady Alexandra Metcalfe, Lady Mary Keen.

The Hon Mrs Julia Stoner, the Hon Robert Corbett, the Hon Mrs Edward Cazalet, the Hon Toby and Lady Emma Tennant, the Hon John Jellitte, the Hon Mrs William Ward, the Hon Montague Woodhouse (Royal Society of Literature) and Lady Davina Woodhouse, the Hon Robin Hoyer Millar.

The Hon Patrick and Lady Amabel Lindsay, the Hon Robert Loder, the Hon Harry and Lady Lavinia Lawson Johnston, Princess Joan Aly Khan, the Hon Alastair and Mrs Hoyer Millar, the Hon Robert Preston (Council for the Protection of Rural England), the Hon Jacob and Mrs Rothschild, the Hon John and Mrs Vanden-Bulter, the Hon Mrs Brigid Westenra, the Hon Mrs Fiona O'Neill, the Hon Mrs Hodgson, the Hon Malcolm Davidson, the Hon Mark Lennox-Boyd, MP, and Mrs Lennox-Boyd, the Hon Patrick Pakenham, the Hon Christopher Balfour, the Hon Michael Cadbe and Mrs Pakenham, the Hon Gabriela Grimond.

Sir Derek Ulbey, Sir Andrew and Lady Watson, Lady d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Lady Elmhirst, Sir Edward and the Hon Lady Ford, Sir Timothy Eden, Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP, Sir John Osborn, MP, and Lady Osborn, Sir George and Lady Christie, Sir William Deakin, Mr J E and Lady Sarah Baily, Mr Rory and Lady Elizabeth More O'Ferrall, Mr and the Hon Mrs Rohse Umlacke, Mr and the Hon Mrs Timothy Bergson-Brooke, Mr and the Hon Mrs A Wills, Mr and Mrs Gerald Ward, Mrs Brudenell, Mr and the Hon Mrs David Pryce-Jones, the Mayor of Wirral, Mrs Hamilton Cazalet, Mr and Mrs Gerald Cazalet-Keir, Mr John Ewart, Mr and Mrs Rodney Leach, Mr Christopher Gorringe (All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club), Miss Patricia Ravenscroft, Mrs Anthony Loehnis, Mrs Michael Grylls, Mrs John Newman, Mr Michael Boyle, Major-General and Mrs Ian Eyre, Mrs David Hawthorne-Amory, Mr R T Fox, Mr Colin Clive.

Mr Roland Hunt, Mrs Martin Jacomb, Mr Allan Crawley, Mr Angus Mitchell, Mr Rodolphe Balanger, Mrs G Clive, Mr Nicholas Paravicini, Mr and Mrs Christopher Bland, Mr Winston S Churchill, MP, and Mrs Churchill, Mr and Mrs Robert Rodger, Mr and Mrs Richard Cooper, Major Timothy Tufnell (Buck's Club), Mrs Simon Hornby, Judge Stockey, Mr Ferdinand Mount, Mr and Mrs Robert Fraser, and Mrs William Shand Kydd, Mr Myles Ponsonby, Colonel Kidston-Montgomerie, Mr Francis Stewart, Mr and Mrs Gerald Cadogan, Mr Vincent Cronin, Mr Toby Jessel, MP, and Mrs Jessel, Mr Peter Hill-Wood, Mr Peter Barlow, Mr Sidney Sabin, Mr J Lucas-Tooth, Mr and Mrs Vere Faze.

Mr P Duggan (trustee, Dickens House Museum), Mr Francis Bywater (chairman, Dickens Fellowship), Mr Alan Lovell (Tennis and Rackets Association), Mr John Gayner (Old Etonian Tennis and Rackets Club), Mr Mike Barnes (Leamington Tennis Court Club), Mr Douglas Matthew (London Library), Mr Charles Stuart (Christ Church, Oxford), Mr T J Lavey and Mr C H Whitworth (Bidwell's, Cambridge), Mr A J Buchanan (chairman and managing director, Cater Allen Holdings), Mr Christopher Rawlings (140 Trustee Company), Mr Donald Chilvers (Coopers and Lybrand), Mr P G Locke (Charlton estate manager) and other members of staff.

Miss Allegra Kent Taylor, Miss Nuie Kent Taylor, Mr David Cazalet, Mr R B Petre, Mr and Mrs Charles Petre, Mr Geoffrey Butler, Mr Hamish Stuart Black, Mr Robin Benson, Mr A B Billington, Mr and Mrs Stuart Wheeler, Mrs Felicity Guinness and Mr Charles Fitzherbert.

Auction record for Danish 'dream' painter

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Scandinavian paintings were the big money spinners in Christie's sale of nineteenth-century pictures yesterday, with a new auction price record for Bilhelm Hammershoi at £108,000 (estimate £80,000 to £100,000). Entitled "Interior with a woman seated on a white chair", it was painted in 1900.

The white interior, almost empty of furniture, is characteristic of Hammershoi's dreamlike paintings and it has been described as the best example in private hands.

The interest generated by the exhibition of Dainsh paintings at the National Gallery last autumn had brought in quantities of Scandinavian paintings. The Statens Museum vor Kunst in Copenhagen spent £32,400 (estimate £35,000 to £50,000) on Eckersberg's "Langebro with Figures Running". The picture was painted in the autumn of 1836 and is thought to record a famous fire in Copenhagen.

A group of landscape paintings by Frits Thaulow, Norway's answer to Impressionism, were all bought by Amell, a dealer from Stockholm, with a top price of £81,000 (estimate £50,000 to £70,000).

The British School was also selling strongly and the top price in the sale was £140,000 for Lord Leighton's Greek girl dancing". The sale totalled £1.5 million with 25 per cent unsold, mostly accounted for by a Millet unsold at £140,000.

Harrow School

Spring Term at Harrow ends today. The school choral society performed Tippett's *Child of Our Time* in speech room on Saturday, March 16. The Cock House Match was won by Moretons (Mr G. M. Attenborough) who beat Rendalls (Mr A. A. Bishop) by 5 bases to 1. the Torpid Final was won by Elmfield (Mr J. R. Beckett) who beat Moretons (Mr G. M. Attenborough) by 4 bases to 3.

The old speech room gallery was officially open on Thursday, March 14. Modernization of the biology schools begins in April. Old Harrovians were entertained to tea yesterday by the chairman and committee of the Harrovian Association and attended a concert of songs in Speech Room. Next term begins on Tuesday, April 23.

Luncheons

Lieutenancy of the Districts of Lochaber, Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey
The MacIntosh of MacIntosh, Vice-Lieutenant, and Deputy Lieutenants for the Lieutenancy of the Distrits of Lochaber, Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey, entertained the Lord Lieutenant, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, at luncheon at the Glen Mhor Hotel, Inverness yesterday.

Baroness Vickers
Baroness Vickers, Sir Peter Mills, MP, deputy chairman, United Kingdom Branch, CPA, and Mr Ted Garrett, MP, joint Treasurer, were joint hosts at a farewell luncheon given yesterday at the House of Lords by the executive committee of the United Kingdom branch of the Comonwealth Parliamentary Association in honour of Commonwealth parliamentarians attending the 1985 Parliamentary Seminar at Westminster.

Glaxo Science Writers Fellowships
An awards luncheon was held in Apothecaries' Hall on Thursday for the presentation by Sir Austin Bide, chairman, Glaxo Holdings plc, of the Glaxo Science Writers Fellowships for 1984.

The guest of honour was Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science. The awards, made in collaboration with the Association of British Science Writers and worth £1,250 for each of four categories, went to Mr Francois Grey (*The Economist*), Dr Jon Turney (*Times Higher Education Supplement*), Mr Lawrence McGinty (ITN Channel 4 News) and Miss Deborah Cohen and Mr Colin Tudge (BBC Radio 4) shared with Dr Gail Vines (*New Scientist*).

Highly commended awards were made to Mr Peter David (*The Economist*), Mr Richard Stevenson (*Chemistry in Britain*) and Mr Mike Stanger (BBC Radion Scotland).

Dinners

Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain
The Prime Minister of Ireland, Dr Garret FitzGerald, and Sir Alastair Burnet were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain held yesterday at New Zealand House. Mr Sidney Weiland, president of the association, was in the chair. Other guests included:
The Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland, the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs Walding, the Chilean Ambassador and Senora Orrego, the Syrian Ambassador and the Deputy High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs Brown.

Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were present at a livery dinner of the Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators held last night at the Mansion House. They were received by the Master, Mr R. M. Clarke, the Senior Warden, Mr L. R. Croydon, and the Junior Warden, Sir Lindsay Ring. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Senior Warden, the Master of the Grocers' Company and the Master.

Baroness Jeger
Baroness Jeger entertained members and guests of the International Cultural Exchange at a dinner in the House of Lords last night. There were present:
The High Commissioner for Fiji and Mrs Yogambiyan, the Acting High Commissioner for India and Mrs Arora, Mr and Mrs Bryan Cowgill and Dr R U Hingorani, chairman.

OBITUARY

PROF G.WILSON KNIGHT

Original contribution to literary studies

Professor G Wilson Knight, CBE, who died on March 20 at the age of 87, was one of the outstanding figures among the literary critics of his time.

Wilson Knight combined scholarship with a wide range of interests; his work on Shakespeare illuminated the work of the dramatist afresh for the generation of students who grew up in the 1930s, and has continued to be read for its freshness and intensity of insight. While his later readings of figures such as Byron and John Cowper Powys were challenging and disconcerting.

His immense appeal – an appeal which continued to be felt strongly by students both young and old, academic and lay for fifty years – lay in the passionate spirit, the sense of adventure which he brought to literary studies.

At a time when schools of criticism were beginning to harden in their attitudes to each other he remained a complete original. From his earliest books, *Myth and Miracle*, *The Wheel of Fire* and *The Imperial Theme* he demonstrated the determination to practise a criticism based on the broadest possible of foundations. And his work, as an actor, producer, and eventually playwright and television playwright reinforced the impression which his academic work made, that of a burning faith in literature as one of the great needs of man as a spiritual being.

Yet it was only in the later years of his long life that the honours usually given to great pioneer scholars began to fall upon him. Even critics of Shakespeare, who had clearly learned a lot from him, were often somewhat chary in acknowledging their debts.

There were several reasons for this, though his personality was certainly not one. Even those who knew him only by correspondence were struck by its sweetness, candour, and generosity.

But in an age in which the most influential criticism saw great imaginative literature as a "criticism of life", in which the nearest approach to traditional religious views was a kind of severe moralising, Wilson Knight was a frank supernaturalist, a believer not only in religion but in magic. He saw great literature as essentially a revelation of hidden powers.

Wilson Knight, born on September 19, 1897, was the brother of W. Jackson Knight, the Virgilian scholar, who died before him. In the years especially of Wilson Knight's retirement the two men were devoted companions and Wilson Knight edited a posthumous work of his brother's in 1970 and published a biography in 1975.

Educated at Dulwich College he was caught up by the First World War and for some years after taking his degree in English at St Edmund Hall, Oxford (of which he was later made an honorary fellow) in 1923, he held various teaching posts.

The distinction of his early Shakespearean studies, however, led to him being offered a Professorship at Toronto, from which he returned in 1940, to become a master at Stowe till 1946.

These experiences produced two of his most pleasantly personal books, *Atlantic Crossing* (1936) and *The Dynasty of Stowe*, (1945). His return to England in 1940 was motivated by a staunch patriotism, and a sense of England as a sacred place, guarded by supernatural powers.

From 1946 to 1956, he was Reader and from 1956 to 1962 Professor of English at Leeds and his personality, and particularly his enthusiasm for drama, inspired several generations of undergradutes.

Wilson Knight's own drama and poetry are not of the first importance. But his work as a producer and actor at Toronto and Leeds showed great originality and his books on Shakespearian production – *Principles of Shakespearian Production* (1936), new version *Shakespearian Production* (1964) – suggested the fresh approach to the staging of Shakespeare (the new emphasis on *motif*, colour and symbolism) which was the hallmark of Shakespearian production in the postwar period.

Unlike the majority of academics he had the theatre in his bones. He knew that words and images are only one element in the successful putting over of a play, that a play is not simply "literature" in the narrowest sense, but a script for actors which must be rapid and gripping.

The two writers on whom Wilson Knight wrote his most stimulating and original work were Shakespeare and Byron. To him, a writer's power, his general scope and intention, the force of a work as a whole, were always more important than literary style, and niceties of verbal detail.

His own prose was delightful in its eagerness and vivacity, in the transparency with which it expressed his enthusiasms. It had the old fashioned formal yet friendly dignity of language.

Wilson Knight was indifferent to contempory fashion, and sometimes chose to be impervious to distinctions between highbrow and lowbrow. Thus he wrote delightfully about Sherlock Holmes as a magician who disguises himself as a rationalist.

Three modern writers who particularly attracted him were Joan Cowper Powys, Francis Berry, and John Masefield, and in these also the ability to use language to reveal "neglected powers", (the title also of a late collection of essays) attracted him.

In what might be called his moral or psychological criticism of authors, a comparative indifference to aberrant personal conduct served him as well, particularly in his splendid moral defence of Byron, *Lord Byron: Christian Virtues* (1952).

Some wits said that its sequel, *Lord Byron's Marriage* (1957), ought to have been called *Lord Byron: Christian Vices*. Yet he dealt with Byron, as he dealt with John Cowper Powys's compulsive masturbation and sadistic fantasies with an innocence of language and spirit that could hardly give offence.

He had the unshockableness of the truly charitable, and no touch at all of prurience in his nature. He merely recognised the erotic, in all its manifestations, as lying at the roots of art.

In himself he was the most modest of men.

SIR JOHN FIELD

Professor Thurstan Shaw writes:

Sir John Field's achievement in organizing the peaceful plebiscite in Southern Cameroon in 1960 (noticed by Lt-Col Robinson in your Obituary columns on March 18) is not the only reason that West Africa has reason to be grateful to him.

It was John Field, when he was an Assistant District Officer in the Awka area of south-eastern Nigeria a year or so before the outbreak of World War II, who recognized the importance of Isaiah Anozie's accidental find of the first bronzes unearthed at Igbo-Ukwu, and who was responsible for bringing them to the notice of the wider world of archaeologists and art historians.

Having heard of the find, John Field visited Isaiah Anozie and purchased all that were available, published them in the journal *Man* (Vol. XL. (1), pp. 1-6, 1940) and subsequently gave them to the Nigeria Museum when this was set up.

The recording of the find and its proper conservation meant that the Nigerian Antiquities Department kept an eye on the site, recovered further bronzes and in 1959 arranged for the site to be excavated – with the result that the site and its bronzes (the oldest in sub-Saharan Africa) are now world famous.

Had it not been for John Field's intervention, the scientific investigation of the site might not have taken place, or might have been rendered more difficult and less rewarding.

Science report

Coffee curb cuts cholesterol levels

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Abstention from heavy coffee drinking is an efficient way of reducing serum cholesterol concentrations in men with hypercholesterolaemia, according to a newly published study in the *British Medical Journal*.

However, there is not enough evidence to recommend that people generally should drink less coffee, say the Norwegian authors of the study.

In a 10-week trial, 33 men with high blood cholesterol levels were randomly assigned to continue with their usual coffee intake; stop drinking coffee altogether, or stop drinking coffee for five weeks, thereafter drinking either boiled or filter coffee.

The object was to assess the effects of coffee consumption and brewing methods on serum cholesterol concentrations.

The concentration fell significantly in all the men abstaining for the first five weeks compared with those not giving up, and continued to fall in those abstaining for 10 weeks. They went up again in those who returned to boiled coffee, but stayed the same is those going back to filter coffee.

The men, aged 35–54, had been trying for the previous three years, without much success, to reduce their cholesterol levels by dietary means.

"The observed reaction in total cholesterol during abstention from coffee was considerable, uniform and independent of concomitant use of sugar and cream, cigarette smoking or tea drinking", the authors report.

The trial failed to give conclusive answers on the extent to which the coffee-cholesterol relationship depends on the method of brewing the coffee. The blend, degree of roast, duration of contact between water and coffee, the temperature and composition of the water and the method of coffee extraction all contributed to the composition of coffee solids in the ultimate brew.

The predominant way of brewing coffee locally, by boiling coarsely ground coffee, was compared with a filter method brewing at a lower temperature and with a shorter contact time. The results suggest that the difference in method might be important, the authors say.

"The conclusion from this experiment must be that abstention from coffee in hypercholesterolaemic men is followed by a substantial reduction in total cholesterol concentration", the report says. "The implication of this relationship is not clear yet, but we thought it safe to advise such patients in our population to reduce their coffee consumption.

"We are, however, reluctant to advise people generally to do this because of the lack of prospective data and the possibility of singling out and eliminating the active substance from coffee".

The study was carried out by the Institute of Community Medicine at the University of Tromsø in Norway, and is published in the *British Medical Journal*, March 23.

Services tomorrow: Passion Sunday

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC 8: M 10.30, Benedicite (Jackson in G), Jub (Chant), Rt Rev K. Woollcombe; HC 11.30. Missa Quinti toni (Victoria) Int. O nata lux (Tallis); E 3.15. The fourth service. (Batten). a. in exitu Israel (S Wesley) Rev Dr A. Webster.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: M 10.30, Lamentations Sabrino, O Saviour of the World (Dueser) Rev C. Carey; Sung Eucharist 11.40 Vaughan Williams Mass in G Minor, ES Purcell in B flat, Ave Maria (Parsons) Rev S. Charles; Organ Recital 5.45 Rev Dr J. Luff.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC 9, Eucharist 11, Missa Brevis (Leonard Berkeley), A. I will wash my hands in innocency (Sairlow). The royal banners forward go (Plainsong). The Provost; Ex. Noble in B minor, A. O Lord in thy Wrath (Gibbons). Canon Parrott.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: M, 10.30, Mass in G (Vaughan Williams), Christus factus est (Tarducchi), O sacrum convivium! (Messiaen), Vespers 3.30, Magnificat primitivi (Victoria), Ave Jesu Christe (Philips).

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's: HC

THE ARTS

Theatre

Comic and grotesque

The Possessed
Almeida

Nabokov was right to commend the farcical rows in Dostoyevsky's novels while dispraising the Hollywood religiosity of their "big moments", and Yuri Lyubimov, whose last production in London was the award-winning *Crime and Punishment* of 1983, has the right instinct in playing up the comedic grotesqueries in *The Possessed*. Banned in Moscow, premiered in Paris, it has now come home in Islington after a short run in Italy.

Whereas Camus' earlier adaptation placed the story in its historical perspective, Lyubimov's version (written by Richard Crane after Irina Kirilova's translation) presents a collective nightmare of disjointed passions thrashing their way towards articulation: the structure remains intact but the treatment is burlesque.

The cast send their parts up with the glee of Black Mass celebrants, but their licence is illusory, for every last gesture is rigidly choreographed to produce a tightly reined flow of movement back and forth across the stage. This owes much to strictly stylized forms of theatre such as Kabuki and even more, I think, to the balletic inventiveness of Charlie Chaplin.

The sum effect is guignol. The actors are large, loud marionettes carrying the novel's chapter headings on banners and placards which frequently become props in their own right – literally in the case of the limping Miss Lebyatkin whose crutch is also a placard announcing her as THE CRIPPLE. Stefanos Lazaridis's design makes widely indulgent use of umbrellas, torches, face masks and the already famous strips of black elastic which form the walls of the stage and which variously conceal, entangle and sometimes catapult the frenziedly busy cast.

But "Goodness gracious", as Mrs Stavrogin cried, "what is it all about?" She herself is a full-blown cartoon figure instead of the gorgon who happens to be funny in the narrator's account. The narrator himself seems here to be lost for a role; his sporadic snippets of exposition are too widely spaced to add up to much in the way of story-telling; only when he assists both Shatov and Nicholas Stavrogin in their slow-motion fisticuffs does he find something useful to do.

With such brilliant form on offer we may feel churlish to demand content as well; we would anyway demand in vain, for the very theatricality of the piece precludes dramatic involvement. There are ideas, certainly, of the pasteboard variety – the proto-existentialist agonizing about suicide, the mirage of perfectibility called Fourierism – but all this is so much froth on the great, weepy, paranoid soul of Mother Russia. Perhaps in the novel too, the most pervasive idea, though latent, is the influence of vodka on literature.

As for Mr Lyubimov's personal riposte to Soviet censorship, we get hints in the form of the oblongs of paper which are from time to time stuck over actor's mouths or ears, while the notorious document known as Stavrogin's Confession, which had to wait 50 years to find a Russian publisher, is in this production distributed amongst the audience as an ingenious way of announcing the interval.

But ultimately the sheer profusion of theatrical devices bludgeons us into a state of anaesthesia – the expressionist college does not seem to be expressive of anything in particular. What we actually witness is an excellently drilled and fluent company doing their appointed things in the puppet show. After three-and-a-half hours one longs for one of the actors to *downstage* the others.

Michael Feast's Peter Verkhovensky is a logorrheic human grasshopper; Harriet Walter's Miss Lemyatkin out-Ophelias Ophelia; and Clive Merrison, looking more like Baudelaire with every role, makes a supple Mr Verkhovensky and a ludicrous Karmazinov. But they are all splendid, and so is David Cunningham's lighting.

Martin Cropper

Donald Cooper



Clive Merrison: A supple Verkhovensky

Hedda Gabler
Dundee Rep

Ibsen's Hedda Gabler is a woman trapped at every level of her life in the gap between expectation and reality. Ambitious, but imprisoned by nineteenth-century chauvinism; upper-class, but married into bourgeois mediocrity; sensual, but stifled by her inbred fear of scandal, Hedda is, in the last resort, a spirit desperate for a degree of life that is stronger, more exciting, more real than can be accommodated into the mundane imperfections of existence. Ibsen may ironize the grotesque, cowardly perversion of her self-assertiveness, but his sympathy is ultimately with her and with her extreme awareness of inescapability from the mediocre and the meaningless.

This knife-edge is what gives Hedda her deformed but enigmatic superiority over the household she seeks to tyrannize, and Joanna Lumley conveys her ambivalent fascination with tremendous command and with a strength that holds the production when it falters with the weaknesses of the play.

Her interpretation is decisively located. Her Hedda is a woman in the wrong century, whose tragedy is that she became Mrs Hedda Tesman without ever becoming Hedda Gabler – losing her independence and a rung on the social ladder to boot.

Ms Lumley finds the motivation for Hedda's cruel, clever manipulation of others in her boredom and isolation, which she reveals with slow, detached economy. What comes over far less strongly, however, is Hedda's destructive self-contempt, and the curious sense of vision that makes her psychologically dangerous, dreaming of a "beautiful death".

Ibsen's other characters lend themselves easily to stereotype, and in Robert Robertson's clear, but at times colourless, production some run close to this. Richard Clews's Tesman is a thin, nervous tick of an academic, Karen Ramsay's Thea Elvert a fussy, prim little woman. Were more emphasis given to their own urges to dominate, the one intellectually, the other morally, they would achieve a more complex relationship with Hedda, throwing more light on her jealousy and her strange, inverted integrity. Kenneth Gilbert as an avuncular sugar-daddy of a Judge Brack hits a much livelier note, as does Cliff Burnett with his seedy academic playboy.

It is a painstakingly thorough production, putting across well an atmosphere of cloying claustrophobia that makes sense of Hedda's gnawing frustration, but it becomes flat at times, and is not helped here by a straightforward, but not sparkling, translation by Christopher Hampton.

Sarah Hemming

Television

A dose of reality

Since the 1950s, major tranquilizers, not to be confused with minor tranquilizers such as Valium, have become the main tool of psychiatrists treating mental illness. Their effect, though inexplicable, is extraordinary, enabling patients to distinguish the real from the painful affliction of the imaginary. The question raised by Channel 4's **Well Being Special** last night was whether tranquility was being achieved at unacceptable cost.

Patients taking major tranquilizers over a number of years can exhibit an alarming side-effect, a condition called tardive dyskinesia, unconrollable movements of the muscles.

Professor Russell-Davies, a psychiatrist, explained that the drugs affected the mid-brain which controlled the muscles. Their efficacy had from the beginning encouraged great expectations, making psychotherapy, an obviously lengthier and less convenient route, appear even less attractive. Dosage had gradually increased and patients were given little opportunity to say yes or no to the treatment.

Patients testified that this was indeed the case. One, Emma, said that though the drugs prevented her from being overwhelmed by a cacophany of sounds and images, she had now been taking them for ten years. She was worried about becoming "a chemical mistake" and was pursuing psychotherapy, though not exclusively.

Psychiatrist Dr Tony Whitehead said the side-effect became obvious earlier in the elderly. It was a condition that appeared to him "pretty irreversible". Psychologist Dr David Hill said that the drugs closed down thoughts and feelings, "a whole array of bodily functions gets turned upside down".

The programme, produced by Lindsay Knight for Holmes Associates in association with MIND, tackled its subject thoroughly, raising a legitimate question without pointing to a solution. Mental illnes, we were reminded, puts one in ten of the population in touch with a psychiatric unit at some time in their life.

Dennis Hackett

● *We regret that David Wade's radio review has been held out this week because of lack of space.*

EBF/Hickox
Westminster Abbey

The many happy returns have officially started, and already the voices clamouring for ascendancy are heard. Not all promoters may see things in such a competitive light but, on his 300th birthday on Thursday, the English Bach Festival claimed "the grandest Bach celebration of them all".

It was a demure affair: an evening of restraint and decorum, graced by the presence of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, and Bach's retiring little St Mark Passion, receiving what was thought to be its first London performance. The atmosphere of reverential sobriety unfailing created both by the abbey's ghostly accoustic and its audience was matched by discreet, respectful performance. Interest focused entirely on the work.

Like Gospel, like Passion. Where John involves and interprets, and Matthew witnesses a drama, Mark provides hard news and food for meditation. Bach's work is contemplation incarnate: no recitative, no narration, considerably more chorales and only six arias. The active persona recedes: reflection and reception is all.

Or so it would appear. For the only known score of the Passion was destroyed in the Second World War, and Thursday night's performance was a reconstruction of what was, even in its original form, a "parody" work. The five verse-commentaries of aria and chorales are fitted nicely to other cantata and chorale settings, drawing heavily on the *Trauer-Ode* (Cantata 198), much of whose material, it is thought, found its way into the lost Passion.

Detective work aside, the piece draws you in by its terse, immediate and uniquely delicate equivocation of manner and matter. Just as the Funeral Ode both grieved for its dead queen and rejoiced in benevolent earthly and heavenly rule, so the Passion turns its music to the soul's mourning and, unlike the John or Matthew, to resurrection itself. Unison octaves set apart a final epigram/epitaph in both works: in the Passion, "my life comes out of thy death".

Even the first chorus, with its mordent choromaticism springing through dancing rhythms, balances agony and serenity on a knife-edge. Here and in the final chorus's lightly poised homophony, the English Bach Festival Baroque Orchestra and Singers under Richard Hickox were sensitive to its essential character.

Penelope Walker's alto arias were exquisitely sung and played: the first breathing assurance in its thin gamba line and sense of leaning appoggiatura; the second (from Cantata 54) a firm rebuke to the false world. Heather Harper's two arias of advent and atonement provided the keenest musical action, in shooting leaps of excitement and exultant ornament; Ian Caley's tenor aria of loss and regret the most affective instrumental colour. A pity, though, that the lute of Cantata 198's setting could not be used to complement the caress of flute and oboe.

A trim performance of Bach's *Magnificat* turned the evening from private meditation to public praise as trumpet and drum brought a spirit of celebration, albeit somewhat lean and Lenten, to the grandest birthday, if not the grandest occasion, of them all.

Hilary Finch

Concerts

A restrained and demure birthday celebration

LSO/Abbado
Barbican

This second orchestral concert in the "Mahler, Vienna and the Twentieth Century" festival was a great deal more encouraging than the first. It was also, and the fact may not be unconnected, a great deal nearer to being a celebration of Berg rather than Mahler. So far, we have heard more Berg than Mahler in these concerts, which raises the naughty thought that they were originally planned as a Berg festival, to which Mahler was admitted as a go-between to win his young colleague an audience.

In fact, of course, Berg needs no such intermediary when his music is as vividly thrust before one as it was on this occasion. Maybe there were problems in the opening work, his Three Pieces op.6, but then there always are. Awkwardness and strain are built into music which rushes so swiftly from one idea to another, keeps so many strands of thought in the air at the same time, and contains such daring instrumental details as the exposed high trombone attack near the start. We are at the point, reached earlier by Beethoven in his late works, where the notation is more a challenge to the performer than a goal to be achieved.

The real goal is that of effort in excess, and though there were times when the brass were faltering at the comparative foothills, the performance generally had mighty conviction and strong dramatic colour. This was above all a very melodic account of the work, bringing out how each movement falls over itself in generating tunes, and how thematic characters from one movement can turn up unexpected in another, as if certain instruments are unwilling to forget movements that are over, or as if the abstract dancers in the sensuous waltz could after a pause turn themselves to the grotesque march of the finale.

After this there was the danger that Mahler's *Kindertotenlieder* might have seemed sentimental, but not with Jessye Norman to sing them. She was not quite on her best form: there was one phrase of rather trailing intonation, possibly not helped by a noisy audience. But Miss Norman flawed is still a formidable creature, and here was a work which gained much from her grandeur and long phrasing, as well as from such nice ironies as an inward darkening of tone for the word "bright".

More ironies, in their battalions, followed after the interval in a performance of Schoenberg's very splendid arrangement of Bach's E flat Prelude and Fugue for organ, complete with its celesta, glockenspiel, harp and ensemble of clarinets. Finally there was Berg's *Wozzeck* suite, done very effectively as an opera in its own right: Dunja Vejzovic was placed high behind the orchestra to cast her spells as Marie in a commendably accurate performance, spotlit in the darkness. Then at the end, in a striking *coup de concert*, children raced on at the back to give us the final scene for real.

Paul Griffiths

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261	200	Ashtead Industries	210		10.4	4.9	11.0
251	197	Bamgarage Bldg	240		8.8	3.5	11.0
4	2	Barratt Dev	3				
91	57	Bellway (Robert) Constr	91		2.6	2.8	6.2
		Beechwood					
184	115	Bellway	117		10.0	8.5	7.6
78	53	Bardand Concrete	68		6.4	9.1	15.0
224	174	Blue Circle	221		22.0	9.9	10.0
235	174	Bovis (Leonard)	221		12.0	5.4	14.9
235	174	Brickhouse Duffey	221		12.0	5.4	14.9
47	34	Br Dredging	39		2.9	3.8	17.2
71	47	Brown & Jackson	48				17.1
77	52	Brownlee	52		5.2	7.3	7.5
74	43	Bryant	43		5.8	9.1	7.7
78	58	Burnan & Hallen	125		12.0	7.7	7.7
77	51	Cleveland Robey	51		3.2	7.1	7.7
67	46	Cl Bth Doulton	61		2.1	3.7	6.7
84	56	Cement-Readstone	61		3.0	4.9	7.7
47	42	Condec Int	42				10.1
242	174	Costain	242		7.2	3.3	6.3
252	204	Countryside	252		7.7	3.0	21.0
174	88	Crouch (Derek)	77		8.0	21.0	
242	174	Crouch Group					
242	174	Dow (George)	81		10.7	8.0	
242	174	Douglas (FM)	41		6.7	9.8	
		Ecrin	39		4.4	10.7	
138	98	Feb	41		6.7	9.8	
		Do 'A'	39		4.4	10.7	
187	77	Finlay (John)	81		6.7	8.3	
154	110	French Kier	61		6.8	6.9	
71	57	Galliford	61		6.8	6.9	
115	78	Gibbs & Dandy Grd	78		2.0	2.6	
71	51	Gleeson (M.J.)	71		3.2	10.5	
94	64	HAT	49		5.1	10.5	
		Hallen Bar					
242	174	Hanson-Stuart	2.0		4.6	10.2	
181	103	Heywood Williams	86		6.1	8.5	
174	110	Higgs & Hill	164		9.8	5.3	
179	110	IDC	167		8.9	5.3	
242	174	Ibstock Johnsen	242		26.0	9.3	
242	174	James (J) & Sons	242		7.9	3.3	
242	174	Laing (J)	242		7.9	3.3	
242	174	Do 'A'	242		7.9	3.3	
91	66	Lawrence (Walter)	73		14.6	6.5	
196	144	Lilley (F.C.)	196		8.2	7.6	
242	174	Lovell (Y.J.)	242		8.6	4.2	
242	174	Magnet & Southern	242		8.6	4.2	
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242	174	Marshalls (Halifax)	242		8.6	4.2	
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242	174	Mcljanne (Alfred)	242		8.6	4.2	
242	174	Meyer Int	242		8.6	4.2	
15	9	Miller (Stanley)	15				
242	174	Monk (A)	242		8.6	4.2	
184	140	Moreland (John)	208		14.2	6.8	
476	376	Nottingham Brick	476		7.1	4.5	
476	376	Pearce (CH) Sons	476		8.7	4.4	
242	174	Phoenix Timber	242		8.6	4.2	
476	376	Pochins	476		17.0	8.9	
476	376	RMC	476		17.0	8.9	
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377	280	Amersham	346		7.6	2.2	21.1
270	85	Anglo Chemical	258		6.0	2.0	22.5
80	45	Arrow Chemical	51		3.0	5.9	10.5
97	39	Bare Dfd50	257½		10.0	12.1	
		Blagden			18.5		
137	84	Brent Chems	135		4.2	3.4	33.0
97½	67½	Bk Borax					
93	61	Br Tar Products	91		5.0	5.4	14.1
83	77	Canning (W)	161		4.6	4.6	14.8
233	151	Coalite	234		6.0	2.6	16.8
188	95	Cookson Bros	172		9.5	5.5	11.6
151	82	Do A	143		4.2	4.2	16.8
97	79	Cory (Horace)	95½		2.5	2.6	15.8
151	82	Crode	140		10.0	7.1	16.8
97	79	Do Def	95½				15.8
196	136	Elis & Everard	248		8.2	3.7	22.2
188	88	Halstead (James)	98		5.0	5.6	15.8
97	79	Hickson	95½		14.2	3.0	16.0
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838	620	Imp Chem Ind	784		42.9	5.5	8.5
334	224	Laporte	486		10.8	3.7	22.9
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261	180	Barratts	180		5.5	3.1	17.3
261	180	Brammer	180		5.5	3.1	17.3
261	180	Br Home Stores	180		5.5	3.1	17.3
474	211	Brown (N)	473		11.4	4.2	18.8
		Burton	464		11.4	4.2	18.8
		Cavd (A) & Sons			2.7		
		Chambers A	78		3.8	3.8	8.5
		Clarke (S)	91		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Church	215		21.4	9.6	8.7
		Combined English	215		21.4	9.6	8.7
		Comyns (Furs) A	212		8.7	6.5	8.7
		Debenhams	212		8.7	6.5	8.7
		Dewhirst (A)	91		3.1	4.5	8.7
		Dickins	91		3.1	4.5	8.7
		Dunfrid	318		8.4	3.8	8.7
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		Formember	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
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		Fremony	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Galen (J)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Gent Sh	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Glasgow (A)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Grattans Gp	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Grattan	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Greenfield Blacks	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Gus	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Do A	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Habitat Mothercare	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Harris Queensway	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Hepworth (John)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Hepworth (J)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Holden	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Home Charm	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		House Of Fraser	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		House Of Lerose	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Jones (Ernest)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Ladies Pride	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Lee Cooper	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Liberty	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Lincraft Kilgour	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Marks & Spencer	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Mendes (John)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		MFI	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Moss Bros	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		NSS Newsagents	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Oliver (B)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Owen Owen	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Peters Stores	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Priestly (Alfred)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Ratners (Jewellery)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Reyboulds	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Rosecut	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Read (Austin)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Do 'A'	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		S & U Stores	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Samuel (H)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Do 'A'	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Sallsbourl	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Simpson (S) 'A'	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Smith (WH) 'A'	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Do 'B'	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Stanley (AG)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Stanmore	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Supercheap Stores	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Supermarket Stores	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Tom Dominelle	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Time Products	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Vantona Viyella	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		WW Group	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Ward White	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Waring & Gillow	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Wyatt (Henry)	79		2.7	4.4	8.7
		Woolworth	79		2.7	4.4	8.7

ELECTRICALS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
380	371	AB Elect	462		8.6	1.9	18.5
1		Amstrad			1.1	1.5	12.3
1		Arlen Elec					
1		Atlantic Comp			8.2	6.5	28.4
1		Audio Fidelity					
1		Auto Sec					
1		BICC					
1		BSR					
1		Bowthorpe			10.1	6.1	12.9
1		Br Telecom 50p P			2.4	2.0	8.1
1		Brown Boveri Kent			3.6	3.6	15.4
1		Bullph (AF) 'A'			7.0	1.6	28.6
1		CAUS			1.5	0.7	24.1
1		Cable & Wireless			10.0	1.9	20.1
1		Cambridge Elec			2.0	3.1	16.1

FINANCE AND LAND

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
334	288	Abingworth	308		18	5.8	
330	139	Aaron Home	158		10.0	6.3	8.5
242	78	Amalgamated	208		20.0	9.6	8.5
242	78	Barlow Hldgs	117		8.9	5.9	19.5
159	131	Barlow Tech	151				
242	174	Cornwall			14.2	6.6	
242	174	Cardiover	208		28.0	14.0	6.6
242	174	Centaway	145		14.2	6.6	
242	174	Hanson	145		9.5	6.6	24.2
242	174	Ivory & Sime	168		2.9	2.0	24.2
242	174	Majedie	144		7.1	4.9	24.2
178	105	Park Place	158		4.5	4.7	48.1

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FOODS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
38	18	Alpine Drinks			2.6	12.9	
288	142	Argyll	278		7.6	2.7	17.2
288	142	Att Food	278		7.9	3.3	13.8
288	142	Astor Dairies	142		3.7	2.6	21.1
114	78	Astor Fisheries	116		3.9	3.5	16.2
114	417	Avana	514		14.5	2.8	14.4
178	78	Baxters (Sidney C)	236		12.1	5.1	8.0
		Barker & Dobson	178		9.4	5.3	11.7
260	201	Berry (AG)	236		10.7	5.2	9.2
		Bibsam Foods	178		9.8	5.5

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

No variations on the Fraser enigmas

On Monday the 45,000 shareholders in House of Fraser should receive their copies of the keenly-awaited offer document from Alfayed Investment and Trust. It will be scrutinized carefully for any new light on the business affairs of the Al-Fayed family whose 400p a share bid values Fraser at no less than £615 million. A little, but not much, will shine from the pages. But in other respects the document will contain some other interesting and unusual features for what would otherwise be a routine and straightforward bid, supported as it is by the Fraser board.

That there is sufficient cash to pay for the shares is pledged on the word of Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bankers, who act for the Al-Fayeds. Anyone whose tax position would make cash an unpalatable option can instead choose loan notes guaranteed by a Swiss bank. Undertakings given by the Al-Fayeds to both the Office of Fair Trading and Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, are set out in full: in effect they promise to continue to run House of Fraser, all 100 stores plus Harrods, as a going concern.

The genial Egyptians will not go beyond a statement that they have no "present intention" to sell any of the stores. It would be unrealistic for the new owners to tie their hands to a commercially unreasonably extent. The strongest and most practical restraints on their freedom of action are two: the need to preserve the morale, motivation and goodwill of the Fraser staff and management; and the opprobrium that would be heaped on them if they behaved dishonourably. a wholesale breakup of the group would not be a clever move.

One contentious point is the Al-Fayeds' wish to buy out the existing executive share option scheme as part of their ambition to own 100 per cent of the group. This is answered by a plan to replace that scheme with a profit-sharing arrangement the Al-Fayeds' say they will foot the bill for any transitional tax problems.

The Fraser directors are, of course, "demob happy" – an understandable reaction to the long years of bitter struggle to keep Lonrho out of the citadel. Inevitably, they are open to the criticism that they surrendered too easily and too quickly to the Al-Fayeds' relieving column. The point would be driven home with mortifying vigour if the takeover did not turn out as wholesome and constructive as its supporters expect.

There still remains the enigma of Roland (Tiny) Rowland's November sale to the Al-Fayeds' of Lonrho's crucial 29.9 per cent shareholding in Fraser. It is accepted that Mr Rowland had some apprehension (subsequently shown to be groundless) that the Monopolies Commission would again rule against Lonrho.

It made good sense therefore, at the time, to sell the shares at 300p and a big profit. But did he sell of did he have in mind merely to park them? If the latter it would be fascinating to know the character ot his subsequent dealings with the Al-Fayed brothers.

Look East for Merrill insight

The reorganization of Sun Hung Kai of Hong Kong, best known in the City for its contribution to the travails of Merrill Lynch, is a powerful indication of the trend of events in Hong Kong (as well as an insight into the way Merrill is recovering its footing).

On Budget day SHK sold its bank to the Gulf/Libyan-backed Arab Banking Corporation, with SHK's founder chairman Mr Fung King Hey converting loans into a 25 per cent stake. Yesterday, SHK, now consisiting basically of its brokerage business, reorganized its own shareholders. The nationalized French bank Paribas has sold its one-quarter stake to one of Mr Fung's companies. But Merrill Lynch has made it clear that it does not intend to sell its one-quarter stake to Mr Fung, who now controls more than half SHK's shares and is obliged to make a general bid.

SHK's banking operations have been in trouble twice. Paribas came in to help in 1978. Mr Fung had to cede control in 1983 to Paribas and Merrill, which had mistimed its entry just before Hong Kong's property collapse. However, the sale has more general import. Big banks are moving into Hong Kong fast as a basis for the China trade and competition is going to be tough for all but big players like ABC.

On the other hand, Sun Hung Kai is now to concentrate not simply on broking, but on financial fee business and using its expertise in arranging trade and fixing deals in the new China.

No wonder the French bank wanted out, but Merrill saw a sound long term opportunity, because SHK, quite apart from its local brokerage activities, is undoubedly on the inside track of the changing relationship between Hong Kong and China.

The SHK episode was in large measure to blame for making Merrill wary of all new overseas ventures during its troubles – a policy which left the Thundering Herd uncharacteristically stationary during the big dealing phase of the City revolution. Having lost out, Merrill is now building more circumspectly. It recruited John Hutchinson, whose abilities as Wedd Durlacher chief gilt-edged partner were held in awe by many brokers, to head Merrill's own intended primary dealership.

Altogether, the chastened Merrill seems to be picking its way more thoughtfully

Capel and Gerrard go separate ways

It was to be expected when the time came for good intent to be superseded by firm decision, that there would be casualties among the alliances forged with an eye to the city's revolutionary reforms. It is a measure of the speed of events that one of them is the plan laid by two such respected names as stockbrokers James Capel & Co and discount house, Gerrard and National, to form a joint authorized market maker in gilt-edged securities. Instead, the two firms say they will make seperate applications to the Bank of England to join the new gilts market.

Speculation that there was more to it than the mutually agreed explanation that "recent developments in the London markets" had provoked the rupture was probably inevitable.

The shares of Gerrard rose 10p to 372p in the belief that by breaking the link with Capel the discount house was grooming itself for a merger with another party. This was denied by the Earl of Eglinton and Winton, Gerrard's deputy chairman. One thing is certain: any thoughts Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Capel's putative parent, had of putting Capel and Gerrard together are now academic.

Gerrard's formal explanation for its change of heart is that since the original announcement of the joint company last October it had become clear that the gilts and money markets are destined to come closer together than had been previously envisaged. In such circumstances they felt they had to have full control of their gilts market-making operation, because it will be intimately connected with the money market side on what at times will be a minute-to-minute basis.

This sets at naught autumn claims that Gerrard's short gilts skills would sit well with Capel's broking clout at the long end.

Dollar rises as doubts grow over inflation forecast

From Bailey Morris
Washington

The US Labour department released yesterday a new more optimistic guage of inflation as the debate continued over the accuracy of earlier figures which showed a sharp increase in the US inflation rate to 5.4 per cent in the first quarter.

According to the Labour Department, the inflation rate, as measured by the widely followed consumer price index, rose by 0.3 per cent last month and by a slow 3.5 per cent for the 12 months to February, in line with Administration expectations.

An earlier "flash" forecast of US gross national product by the Commerce Department for the first quarter showed prices rising by 5.4 per cent in a development which shocked economists and cast doubt on the accuracy of the figures.

The new inflation figures and revised figures on orders for durable goods, which showed them down 0.2 per cent last month, but up sharply by 3.2 per cent in January, has a calming effect on nervous financial markets, but concern continued over stalled negotiations on the US budget deficit.

Meanwhile, the dollar recovered some ground against all leading currencies yesterday, particularly against sterling and the mark, starting a pfennig higher against the mark, half a cent up against the pound in New York and improving further during the day.

But dealers said that sentiment was still against the dollar which has in one week fallen from a DM3.6560 London close to DM3.2265, while sterling has gained from $1.0835 to $1.1710 in New York last night.

President Reagan met Senate Republicans at the White House yesterday having pledged at his news conference on Thursday night not to budge on the sensitive issues of increased military spending and no cuts in security benefits.

Concern over the budget negotiations surfaced as rumours circulated that the White House is ready to announce a successor to Mr William Brock, in the key post of US Trade Representative.

Mr Brock, who has left to become Labour Secretary, is expected to be succeeded by one of four top candidates including: Mr Walter Wriston, former chairman of Citicorp; Mr Lionel Olmer, outgoing Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Mr Barber Conabie, a former Republican Congressman from New York and Mr Bill Frenzl, the ranking Republican on the House Trade Sub-Committee.





Trade moves: Walter Wriston (left) and William Brock.

Thorn Ericsson wins BT order

By Jonathan Davis, Business Correspondent

Thorn Ericsson, the joint venture between Britain's Thorn EMI and Sweden's Ericsson group, has won the key contract to supply British Telecom with a rival digital telephone exchange to System X, the all-British system manufactured by Plessey and GEC.

BT announced yesterday that it was ordering up to £100 million of new digital equipment for its local exchange network from Thorn Ericsson, for delivery starting in the second half of next year.

A "high proportion" of the equipment will be manufactured in Britain, and the contract is expected to lead to a "significant" number of new jobs at Thorn Ericsson's manufacturing plant at Scunthorpe in Lincolnshire, according to BT.

The long-awaited decision follows months of speculation about which system BT would pick to establish as a second source of digital equipment alongside System X, which has suffered from a series of delays and other teething problems.

Thorn/Ericsson was picked from a final shortlist of three, beating off the challenge from Northern Telecom, the Canadian manufacturers, and another joint venture between AT&T and Philips, the Dutch electrical group.

The contract is to supply 100,000 and 500,000 further lines in 1987. The exact quantity will depend on BT's sysyem needs at the time.

Sir George Jefferson, BT's chairman, has made no secret of the corporation's desire to establish a second source of digital exchange equipment. This is partly to make up for the shortfall in System X deliveries, but also to give BT a choice of technologies and to introduce an element of competition into its equipment procurement policy.

Neither BT nor Thorn EMI would disclose details of the winning tender, although BT said that Thorn Ericsson had offered the best delivery dates.

The system Thorn Ericsson will supply is its AXE10 digital exchange.

Citicorp UK bank profit disclosed

By Peter Wilson-Smith
Banking Correspondent

Citicorp International Bank Ltd (CIBL), the London international merchant bank, owned by Citycorp of the US, made pretax profits of £21.97 million in 1983, up from £15.3 million the previous year. Profits were higher still last year.

The figures have been publicly aired for the first time in the offer document for Seccombe Marshall & Campion, the discount house which is being taken over by CIBL for £7 million.

Profits for 1984 were to have been included but the final accounts have yet to be signed by the auditors.

Citicorp is making CIBL the focus of its London securities operations. Seccombe will remain a separately incorporated subsidiary of CIBL. A market maker in government stocks will also be set up within CIBL although this too would have to be capitalized separately.

Once negotiations are completed with Scrimgeour, Kemp-Gee, leading to the firm being merged with the British operations of Vickers da Costa, ownership of the merged firm is also due to be transferred to CIBL.

At the end of 1983, CIBL had shareholders' funds of £38 million, £10 million of subordinated debt and balance sheet footings of £1 billion.

Tate buys US factories

By Alison Eadie

Tate & Lyle is paying $48.5 million (£41.4 million) for six sugar beet factories in Nebraska, Montana and Wyoming and for stocks of refined sugar, packaging materials beet pulp and molasses.

The seller is Great Western Sugar, which this month filed for protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 of the US Bankruptcy Code.

Great Western is a subsidiary of Hunt International Resources.

Hunt's three sugar refining subsidaries which operate 13 sugar refineries, have been on the market since December to try and raise money to reduce the company's high bank borrowings. The US sugar market is beset with overcapacity

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Firms plan asbestos defence

By Ian Griffiths

There are new hopes that a cooperative between insurance companies and manufacturing businesses will be established to help fight US Claims for compensation from people suffering from asbestos-related diseases, after renewed interest from American insurance companies.

Turner & Newall, which in 1984 provided £10.7 million to meet such claims, yesterday reported that the cooperative could be set up by the summer.

Negotiations have been taking place since 1983, but two deadlines for its formation have been missed and hopes for a start had been dwindling. New talks designed to finalize details are now in progress.

Sir Francis Tombs, Turner & Newall's chairman, said yesterday that he would be reducing his level of involvement with the company from November. He will stay on as chairman.

Yesterday the company reported 1984 pretax profits of £20.5 million up from £12.5 million on a turnover down from £488.5 million to £471.9 million. A final dividend of 1.5p makes 2.5p for the year.

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IN BRIEF

$1.3bn US buyout

McGraw-Edison, the US electrical and mechanical engineer, is being acquired by its management for $1.3 billion (£1.1 billion) in one of the largest buy-outs of its kind attempted.

Forstmann Little, a private investment company specializing in acquiring companies through management buy-outs, is providing £388 million towards the purchase price and the rest is being derived from bank loans.

Mr Ted Forstmann, a Forstmann Little partner, said his company had decided to become involved "because we like the business and like its management." McGraw-Edison's senior management is being offered a substantial equity stake in the acquiring company.

BHP profits up

BHP, Australia's largest industrial group, showed further profits growth in the third quarter of the year, with net profits up from $A159.7 million to $A192.3 million (£113 million). The Bass Strait oil and gas division remained the chief profit earner producing $A340.9 million, against $A293.6 million. BHP is making a one-for-eight bonus issue.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, Stock Exchange chairman, yesterday met senior partners of stock market firms to answer questions on wide-ranging changes in membership rules proposed in a Stock Exchange white paper. Smaller firms are proposing several proposals, including some which will require agreement by 75 per cent of members.

Sears offer

Sears Holdings yesterday issued its offer document for Foster Brothers Clothing. The recommended offer is worth £113.7 million in shares and on full conversion of loan notes, but has yet to be cleared by the Office of Fair Trading.

Blagden details

Details of the offer for sale of 14.95 million shares in Blagden Industries, the drums and casks group, will be sent to shareholders over the weekend. The cash raised will help finance the £25.75 million acquisition of the European container businesses of City Investing Group, which was approved by shareholders yesterday.

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Argentines want IMF deal by May

New York (Reuters) – Argentina has told its leading bank creditors that it hopes for a quick renegotiations of its suspended IMF loan programme amid worries that a long delay will cause banks to drop out of the new loan and rescheduling agreement now being marketed, bankers said.

They said Señor Juan Sourrouille, the new economy minister, told Argentina's 11-member bank advisory committee yesterday that he ought to have a new IMF programme by May.

Even so, there are still strong doubts on whether Argentina will be able to meet its pledge to pay off interest arrears by June 30.

Argentina owes banks about $850 million (£726 million) in late interest dating back to November 4, plus $750 million mainly from a $1.1 billion bridging loan

The country's 300-plus creditor banks, who hold $25 billion of Argentina's $48 billion debt, were urged last December to participate in an emergency financial package, centring on a $4.2 billion loan, on the understanding that all the arrears would be cleared by mid-year.

That target date now looks optimistic and although only $70 million of the new loan still has to be raised, bankers are worried that some banks will withdraw their commitments.

Shorrock comes to market at £24m

By Cliff Feltham

Shorrocks, the Lancashire security specialist who protects vital Government buildings from terrorist attacks, is coming to the stock market with a £24 million price-tag.

Its electronic protection devices are installed at military airfields, nuclear plants and at oil and chemical sites. It has also designed systems for royal palaces and the White House.

Profits have risen from £534,000 in 1980 to £1.6 million last year on turnover of £13 million. Dr Stanley Shorrock, 58, chairman – whose life is insured for £500,000 by the company – helped to mount an institutionally-backed management buy-out for £5 million two years ago

Now 6.5 million shares – 27 per cent of the business – are being sold at 100p each, representing a price-earnings of 21.5.

The issue will bring in £3.35 million which will wipe out borrowings and leave Shorrock free to build up other sides of the business, fire alarms, and heating and ventilating controls.

Last year's profits were struck before allowing for £292,000 of costs incurrd in the unsuccessful bidding for a large Nato security contract.

Nearly half of Shorrock's work is with the Government. Dr Shorrock says the Brighton bombing has made ministers more security-conscious and the order book now stands at more than £3 million against £1.9 million a year ago.

The issuing house is Lloyds Bank International and the broker is Grieveson, Grant.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	922.4(–0.7)
FT- A All Share	
FT Govt Securities	80.76(–0.07)
FT-SE 100	1,302.9(+2.2)
Datastream USM	112.61(+0.47)
New York	
Dow Jones	1,270.64(+2.43)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12,542.60(+1.23)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1360.69(+12.96)
Amsterdam:	205.6(–0.9)
Sydney: AO	810.8(+8.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1,222.4(–5.1)
Brussels:	
General	308.62(+0.01)
Paris: CAC	208.1(+2.0)
Zurich:	
SKA General	345.60(+0.40)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $320.75 pm $315.50 close $315-$316 (£268.50-269.50)
New York: $317.90
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

CPU Computers	51p +10p
Lincroft Kilgour	185 +25p
Petrolex	75p +8p
Newman Industries	31p +3p
KCA Drilling	31p +3p
Turriff Corp	315p +10p
Reardon Smith	17p +1.5p
Sangers	58p +5p
Speyhawk	223p +18p
Sheraton Secs.	16p +1.25p
Riley Leisure	54p +4p
Lyle Shipping	13.5p +1p
Reardon Smith "A"	7p +0.5p
Burnett & Hallamshire	70p +5p
Carpets Intl.	51p +3.5p
Radio City "A" nv	30p+2p
Reliant Motor	46p+3p
Steaua Romana rv	33p+2p

FALLS:

Intervision Video	6p –1p
Beatson, Clark	146p –24p
Bristol Oil & Min	23p –3p
SelecTV	11p –1p
Wolverhampton Laundry	36p –3p
HTV Group	133p –10p
Foster Bros.	206p –14p
J Hepworth	180p –12p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.1710 (–0.0160)
£: DM 3.7829 (–0.0273)
£: SwFr 3.1974 (–0.0283)
£: FFr 11.5637(–0.0808)
£: Yen 299.31 (–1.95)
£ Index: 75.5 (–0.9)
New York:
£: $1.1710
$: DM 3.2265
$ Index: 149.8 (+0.8)
ECU £0.590630
SDR £0.841483

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 13½%
3-month Interbank 13⅛–13⅜
3-month eligible bills 12¹⁵/₁₆–¹³/₁₆ buying rate
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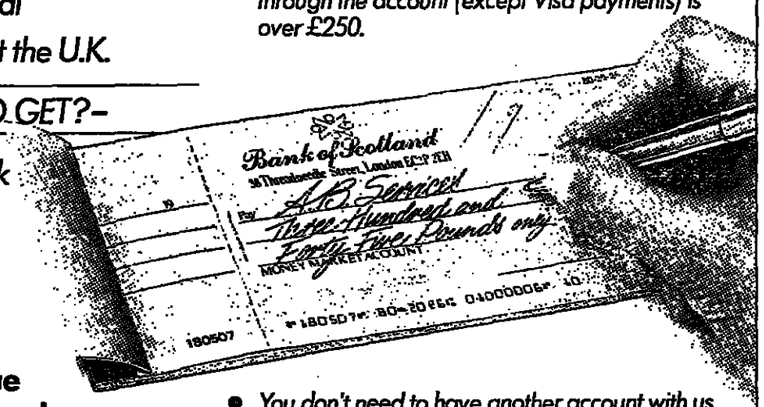
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Alcoa	34⅞	34⅞
Amax Inc	17⅝	18
Amerada Hess	31½	31¼
Am Brands	68⅛	68
Am Broadcast	106½	106¼
Am Can	51⅞	51⅝
Am Cyanamid	21⅛	21
Am Elec Power	43⅛	42⅞
Am Express	59⅛	59⅛
Am Home	80	79⅞
Am Motors	3⅝	3½
Am Nat Res	64⅝	64½
Am Standard	31½	31½
Am Telephone	21⅝	21⅝
Armco Steel	9⅝	9½
Asarco	26⅝	26½
Ashland Oil	31	31
Atlantic Richfield	48⅝	48½
Avon Products	20⅝	20⅝
Bankers Tst NY	62⅝	61⅝
Bankamerica	19	19
Bank of Boston	44⅛	43½
Bank of NY	38⅞	37⅝
Beatrice Foods	28⅝	28⅝
Bethlehem Steel	16⅞	16⅝
Boeing	62⅝	62⅛
Boise Cascade	63½	63¼
Borden	37⅜	38⅛
Borg Warner	67⅜	67½
Bristol Myers	21½	21⅛
BP	55⅞	55⅞
Burlington Ind	26⅝	26½
Burlington Nthn	51	51
Burroughs	57⅝	57⅝
Campbell Soup	70⅝	70⅝
Canadian Pacific	43⅞	43⅞
Caterpillar	58⅝	58⅝
Celanese	30	30
Central Soya	29⅝	29⅝
Champion	22	22
Chase Manhat	21⅛	21⅛
Chem Bank NY	37⅞	37⅞
Chevron	34⅞	34⅞
Chrysler	33⅞	33⅞
Citicorp	43⅝	43⅝
Clark Equip	30	30
Coca Cola	65⅞	65⅝
Colgate	24⅞	24½
CBS	105⅞	105⅞
Columbia Gas	25⅞	25⅞
Combustion Eng	34⅝	34⅝
Commwlth Edison	26⅝	26⅝
Cons Edison	30⅞	30⅞
Cons Foods	38⅛	37⅞
Cons Power	5⅛	5⅛
Control Data	33½	33⅝
Corning Glass	35⅝	35⅝
CPC Intl	43	42⅞
Crane	34⅝	33⅞
Crocker Int	25⅞	25⅝
Crown Zeller	38⅝	38½
Dart & Kraft	91⅝	91½
Deere	31½	45⅛
Delta Air	45⅝	15⅝
Detroit Edison	15⅝	102½
Digital Equip	102½	79½
Disney	79⅝	28⅛
Dow Chemical	28⅝	20
Dresser Ind	20⅝	31½
Duke Power	31⅝	52½
Du Pont	52⅛	5⅝
Eastern Air	5⅝	66
Eastman Kodak	67⅞	53½
Exxon Corp	53⅝	72½
Emerson Elect	73⅛	2½
Evans Prod	2⅝	

	Mar 21	Mar 20
Exxon Corp	49⅜	48⅝
Fed Dept Stores	55½	54½
Firestone	18	18
Fst Chicago	22⅞	22⅝
Fst Intrst Bncp	45⅝	45½
Fst Penn Corp	7⅛	7⅛
Ford	42⅜	42⅛
GAF Corp	39⅞	39⅝
GTE Corp	43	43
Gen Corp	40⅝	40⅛
Gen Dynamics	73	73
Gen Electric	62⅝	62⅝
Gen Foods	61⅝	61½
Gen Mills	57	57
Gen Motors	73⅞	73⅛
Gen Pub Utl NY	11⅝	11⅝
Genesco	5⅝	5⅝
Georgia Pacific	22⅝	22⅝
Gillette	58	58
Goodrich	28⅛	28
Goodyear	28⅝	26⅝
Gould Inc	23⅝	23⅛
Grace	40⅝	40⅝
Gt Attic & Pacific	18⅝	17
Greyhound	27⅞	27⅞
Grumman Corp	25⅝	25⅛
Gulf & West	32⅝	32⅜
Gtd Oil Indiana	49⅝	48⅝
Gtd Oil Ohio	47	46⅝
Gterling Drug	33½	33⅛
Stevens J. P.	59⅝	59½
Sun Comp	49⅝	49⅜
Teledyne	251	253½
Tenneco	40⅝	40⅞
Texaco	34⅞	35
Texas East Corp	31½	31⅜
Texas Inst	110⅜	111½
Texas Utilities	28⅝	28⅞
Textron	41½	41½
TWA	34⅛	34½
Travelers Corp	42⅝	41½
TRW Inc	78⅛	78¼
UAL Inc	44⅝	44⅞
Union Carbide	36½	37
Unocal	47¼	47⅝
Un Pacific Corp	48	48
Uniroyal	15⅝	15½
United Brands	13⅝	13⅜
US Steel	27	26⅝
Utd Technol	40	40⅞
Wachovia	33¼	33½
Warner Lambert	37⅝	37⅜
Wells Fargo	53⅝	53⅞
Westinghse Elec	30⅝	30⅞
Weyerhauser	28⅝	28⅝
Whirlpool	46	43⅝
Woolworth	40⅝	40⅝
Xerox Corp	43⅝	43½
Zenith	21⅛	20⅝

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	54½	55
Alcan Alumin	37½	37¾
Algoma Steel	21¼	21¼
Bell Telephone	39⅛	39⅛
Can Pacific	58⅛	59¼
Cominco	14½	14⅝
Cons Bathurst	17⅝	17½
Gulf Oil	17⅝	17½
Hawker/Sid Can	20⅝	20⅝
Hudson Bay Min	7	7
Imasco	27⅞	27⅞
Imperial Oil	48⅝	49⅛
Int Pipe	36⅛	36⅜
Mass.-Fergsn	3.00	3
Royal Trustco	19¼	19¼
Seagram	59⅝	59⅝
Steel Co	20⅝	21¼
Thomson N 'A'	57⅝	56⅝
Walker Hiram	28⅝	28⅛
WCT	14⅞	14⅞

Dow heads higher

New York (Agencies) – Wall Street shares moved higher yesterdayy in active early trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 2.21 points at 1,270.43.

The rise in share prices at mid-morning came as optimism diminished over the all in Money supply M1.

The New York stock exchange index rose 0.11 to 103.96 and the price of an average share was up 4 cents. Advancing issues led declining issues 590-532 among the 1,669 issues traded.

First-hour big board volume amounted to about 30,140, million shares, compared with 23,290 million in the same period on Thursday.

ITT Corporation was up 1⅛ to 34⅞ and GTE fell ¼ to 41⅛; Ford fell ⅛ to 42¾, General Motors rose ⅜ to 73½ and Chrysler Corporation rose ¼ to 33¾.

IBM fell ½ to 128¼ and Digital Equipment fell ¼ to 102.

National Semiconductor rose ⅛ to 10⅞ and Motorola was up ¼ to 34.

CBS rose 1⅜ to 107 and Capital Cities Communications rose 2 to 209. Castel and Cooke fell ⅛ to 10⅜.

Mobil rose ⅛ to 29⅛ and Chevron rose ⅛ to 34⅛. Texaco fell ⅛ to 34¾ and Royal Dutch off ⅛ to 54⅛.

Texas Instruments fell ⅛ to 110½ and Texas Oil and Gas fell ½ to 16½

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric tonne; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.

G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER

Apr	735–700
May	745–710
Jun	765–730
Jul	775–740
Aug	780–750
Sep	790–780
Oct	800–770
Nov	810–780
Dec	750–710
Apr/Jun	780–740
Jul/Sep	810–770
Oct/Dec	Nil
Vol	

SUGAR

May	113.4–13.2
Aug	118.0–17.8
Oct	123.0–22.6
Dec	128.4–28.0
Mar	142.8–42.6
May	148.0–47.8
Aug	153.8–52.0
Vol	491

COCOA

Mar	2060–40
May	2057–55
Jul	2021–20
Sep	2004–02
Dec	1922–20
Mar	1917–12
May	1915–00
Vol	4284
Vol	226/4284–
XV	1031

COFFEE

Mar	2245–42
May	2297–95
Jly	2330–26
Sep	2368–65
Nov	2385–79
Jan	2360–40
Mar	2340–30
Vol	141/3273
XV	1070

GAS OIL

Mar	249.50–48.25
Apr	232.50–32.25
May	228.50–28.25
Jne	224.25–24.00
Jly	224.00–23.50
Aug	227.00–23.00
Sep	229.50–23.00
Oct	232.50–24.00
Nov	235.50–22.00
Vol	Nil/3389

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures

Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce

Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE

Cash	1193.50–1194.50
Three months	1214.00–1214.50
T/O	5000
Tone	Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1200.00–1205.00
Three months	1212.00–1215.00
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

TIN STANDARD

Cash	9855–9865
Three months	9680–9685
T/O	375
Tone	Easier

TIN HIGH–GRADE

Cash	9855–9865
Three months	9675–9685
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	302.00–303.00
Three months	311.00–311.50
T/O	2550
Tone	Steady

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	788.00–788.00
Three months	748.00–747.00
T/O	5500
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	776.00–778.00
Three months	776.00–778.00
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER LARGE

Cash	537.00–538.00
Three months	556.00–557.00
T/O	12
Tone	Steady, but Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	537.00–538.00
Three months	556.00–557.00
T/O	
Tone	

ALUMINIUM

Cash	931.00–932.00
Three months	962.00–963.00
T/O	5000
Tone	Steady

NICKEL

Cash	4490–4500
Three months	4530–4535
T/O	858
Tone	Irregular

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET

London Gold Futures were unraded. Vol: 150.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 22:

GB: Cattle, 93.72p per kg lw (–1.11).

GB: Sheep, 212.96p per kg est d c w (+2.11).

GB: Pigs, 79.59p per kg lw (+0.40).

England and Wales:

Cattle nos. up 19.5 per cent, ave. price, 93.26p (–1.09).

Sheep nos. down 22.2 per cent, ave. price, 213.36p (+10.06).

Pig nos. down 5.9 per cent, ave. price, 79.59p (+0.40).

Scotland:

Cattle nos. down 14.8 per cent, ave. price, 95.23p (–0.72).

Sheep nos. down 25.1 per cent, ave. price, 212.10p (+6.95).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	£117.40	£115.00
May	£118.55	£116.55
Jly	£122.95	—
Sep	£93.35	£98.50
Nov	£101.55	£102.05
Jan	£105.20	£105.40

Total lots traded

Wheat	98
Barley	17

COMPANY NEWS

● **RENTOKIL:** Pretax profits for 1984 £24.75 million (£20.55 million). Sales £151.36 million (£125.06 million). Total dividend 21.25 per cent (18.5 per cent). The board expects further profits growth in 1985.

● **ABACO INVESTMENTS:** Six months to Dec 31. No interim dividend: the final will be considered in the light of the results for the year as a whole. (Figs in £000). Turnover 947 (787). Pretax loss 39 (67 loss).

● **WOLSTENHOLME RINK:** Final 5.25p, making 7.75p (6.75p) for 1984. (Figs in £000). Turnover 21.514 (19.207). Pretax profit 1.687 (1.144).

● **SHELDON JONES:** Six months to Nov 30. Interim 1.35p (same). (Figs in £000). Turnover 6.565 (8.465). Pretax profit 265 (308).

● **EUCALYPTUS PULP:** The board will propose a dividend of 10p, combined with a special additional dividend of 5p, making a total of 15p (7p) to take account both of the exceptionally high profits for 1984 and of the fact that no dividend was paid for 1982. The timing of the payment of the dividend will depend on when permission is received from the Bank of Portugal to remit the necessary funds. (Figs in £000). Turnover 25.375 (17.070) for 1984. Pretax profit 7.232 (851).

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
BTS Group 10p Ord (82pc)	73–1
Bedford (Wm) 5p Ord (a')	188–3
Bennett & Fountain 10p Ord (10a)	12½
Bluebird Toys 10p Ord (80a)	135–5
Cons Tern Inv 20p Ord (105a)	98+1
Cullen's Hldgs 10p Ord	122
German Smaller Co's Inv Units	107–1
Hillsdown Hldgs 10p Ord*	155–1
Mann & Co 20p Ord (145)	158
Mayhew Foods 10p Ord (100a)	121
Memcom Inc 10p Ord (a)	260–15
Osborne & Little 5p Ord (125a)	201–2
Pacific Assets Tst 50p Ord (100)	76
Pepe Group 10p Ord (100a)	101–1
Sims Catering Butch 5p Ord (128a)	155–1
Spatex Television 25p Ord (58a)	103
Synapse Comp Serv 5p Ord (174a)	220
Whitworth's Food 5p Ord (95a)	115–3

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities, * by tender

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Interbank money held at 14⅜ – ⅜ per cent for most of yesterday morning, easing a little to 14½ – ⅜ per cent as lunchtime approached. It firmed again when the authorities gave little help at midday, establishing 14¾ – ½ per cent for most of the early afternoon.

Only after the authorities had taken out the shortage with late assistance was there any material easing, when the rate dipped to 13 – 12 per cent, firmed again to 14 – 13 per cent and finally reached 13½ – 13 per cent at the close.

It was a much quieter day in the periods. On interbank term deposits, rates tended to be a shade firmer in the short dates and a little easier in the longer ones. Movements were more pronounced in the longer sterling CD's, with the "twelves" ending ⅛ easier at 11 ⅛/₁₆ – ⅞

Dollar CDs (%)

1 month	8.80–8.70
3 months	9.055–8.95
6 months	9.85–9.55
12 months	10.32–10.25

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8⅝–7⅞
7 days	8⅞–8¾	1 month	8⅞–8¾
3 months	9⅛–9	6 months	9⅛–9
Deutschemark		call	6¼–5⅝
7 days	5¾–5⅝	1 month	5¾–5⅝
3 months	5–4⅞	6 months	5⅛–5
French Franc		call	11–10
7 days	10¹⁵/₁₆–10⅝	1 month	10⅝–10⁹/₁₆
3 months	11⅛–10¹⁵/₁₆	6 months	11⅛–11
Swiss Franc		call	3¾–2½
7 days	12–12⅛	1 month	5⅝–5⅜
3 months	5¾–5½	6 months	5⅝–5⅜
Yen		call	6–5⅝
7 days	7⅛–7	1 month	6⅛–5⅞
3 months	6⅞–6¾	6 months	6⅛–6

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	13⅛–13	2 months	13⅜
3 months	12¹¹/₁₆–12⅝	6 months	11⅞–11⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	13⅝	2 months	13⅝
3 months	13⅛	6 months	12½

Interbank (%)

Overnight: open	14⅝–14¾	close	15-14½
1 week	14½–14⅝	9 months	12⅝–12⅜
1 month	14–13⅞	12 months	12⅝–12⅜
3 months	13⅞–13⅝		

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	14⅝	7 days	14⅜
1 month	13½	3 months	13⅝
6 months	12⅝	12 months	12⅛

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	14⅝–14½	2 months	14⅛–13⅞
3 months	13⅞–13½	6 months	13½–12⅝
9 months	12⅝–12⅜	12 months	12½–12⅛

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	13⅝–13¹⁵/₁₆	3 months	13⅝–13½
6 months	12⅝–12¼	12 months	12–11⅞

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar improved and the pound slipped back in nervous and volatile trading yesterday at the end of an extremely hectic week on foreign exchanges. The dollar, taken higher on shortcovering after the sharp fall on Thursday caused by the US GNP "flash" estimate, closed off the top – and the pound, meeting profit – taking ahead of the weekend, lost the day's best, to end lower against the dollar.

The pound closed at $1.1710 at Thursday's close, and, against the mark, sterling fell nearly three pfennigs to 3.7829 (3.8103). The trade-weighted index relinquished 0.9 points on the previous close to end at 75.5, after an early higher of 76.6 and a low of 75.2.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 22	Market rates close March 22	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.1692–1.1885	$1.1690–1.1730	0.52–0.47c prem	1.23–1.18c prem
Montreal	$1.5082–1.5294	$1.5082–1.5152	0.45–0.38c prem	0.92–0.85c prem
Amsterdam	4.2514–4.3251fl	4.2522–4.2756fl	5–4c prem	7⅛–6¾c prem
Brussels	75.69–78.86f	75.69–76.07f	3–2c prem	9–7½c prem
Copenhagen	13.4810–13.7203k	13.4810–13.5410k	3½–1½ore prem	8 prem–5ore disc
Dublin	1.2077–1.2300p	1.2095–1.2120p	10 prem–7p disc	27–24 prem
Frankfurt	3.7692–3.8353m	3.7747–3.7911m	3-2pf prem	7½–6½pf prem
Lisbon	207.44–215.21e	209.25–214.66e	140–510e disc	440–1445e disc
Madrid	208.96–212.89p	208.96–210.03p	29–50p prem	15 prem–20p disc
Milan	2398.45–2441.12lr	2398.45–2441.12lr	3 prem–6lr disc	5–15lr disc
Oslo	10.9000–10.9877k	10.8182–10.8884k	5½–2½ore prem	12–1ore prem
Paris	11.5090–11.7424f	11.5205–11.6068f	2–2c prem	4–4½c prem
Stockholm	10.7782–10.9788k	10.7782–10.8503k	½ prem–¼ore disc	1–1½ore disc
Tokyo	258.88–263.49y	258.88–260.37ech	2⅝–1⅜y prem	5¾–4½y prem
Vienna	26.42–26.94sch	26.42–26.57sch	16⅛–15gro prem	42–39gro prem
Zurich	3.1890–3.2505f	3.1890–3.2058f	2¾–1¾c prem	6½–5¼c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.9 at 75.5 (day's range 75.2–75.6).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	380.83–381.84
Australia dollar	1.6704–1.6750
Bahrain dinar	0.4445–0.4495
Brazil cruzeiro*	4903–4935
Cyprus pound	0.76–0.77
Finland marka	7.78–7.80
Greece drachma	190.85–192.85
Hong Kong dollar	9.1468–9.1603
India rupee	14.75–14.85
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3580–0.3620
Malaysia dollar	2.9748–2.9904
Mexico peso	260–285
New Zealand dollar	2.5236–2.5500
Saudi Arabia riyal	4.2520–4.2920
Singapore dollar	2.5110–2.5252
South Africa rand	2.2786–2.2860
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.3290–4.3690

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9690–0.9710
Singapore	2.2250–2.2350
Malaysia	2.5350–2.5450
Australia	0.7015–0.7025
Bahrain	1.3720–1.3740
Canada	1.2100–1.2300
Sweden	8.2300–8.2500
Norway	11.490–11.510
Denmark	8.2170–8.2290
West Germany	2.7225–2.7275
Switzerland	3.8250–3.8300
Netherlands	2.9200–2.9400
France	255.20–255.40
Japan	2046.0–2047.0
Italy	1,840–1,841.70
Belgium(Comm)	77.75–77.7960
Hong Kong	7.177.50–180.50
Portugal	178.25–178.75
Spain	22.6–22.7
Austria	

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Exsel. *Lloyds Bank International.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 85	88.63	88.72	88.57	88.65	20.86
Sep 85	89.04	89 11	89.02	89.08	126
Dec 85	89.05	89 10	89.05	89.08	36
Mar 86				89 05	0
Jun 86				88.75	0
Previous day's total open interest 5372					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 85	89.88	89 90	89.88	89 70	5898
Sep 85	89.27	89.30	89.10	89.11	547
Dec 85	88.90	88.92	88.70	88.72	226
Mar 86	88 53	88.53	88.53	88.44	35
Jun 86	NT			88.22	0
Previous day's total open interest 15675					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 85	68-30	69-00	68-06	68-10	2593
Sep 85				67-15	0
Previous day's total open interest 2716					
Long Gilt					
Mar 85	105-21	105-21	105-10	105-14	33
Jun 85	106-01	106-05	105-21	105-25	3087
Sep 85				109-18	0
Dec 85				108-20	0
Mar 86				109-09	0
Previous day's total open interest 4097					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 85	129 60	129.85	129 20	129.75	83
Jun 85	129.80	129.95	129.55	129.80	78
Sep 85				130.30	0
Previous day's total open interest 1598					

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
188	169	Aberdeen	178		7.5	4.2	
69½	66	Alba	69		2.6b	3.8	
486	436	Alliance	486		24.6	5.1	
235	218	Amer Trust	235		8.5	3.6	
233	218	Ang Amer Sec	233		11.7	5.0	
433	410	Anglesea	433		17	3.9	
120	75	Atlantic Assets	111		3.5	3.2	
67	57	Bankers	67		1.4	2.1	
194	139	Berry	184		4.7	2.5	
178	117	Border & Shire	166		5.7	3.4	
107	79	Br Amer Gen	106		9.7b	4.9	
215	149	Br Assets	208		13	4.7	
365	295	Br Empire Sec	353		18.2b	5.0	
373	291	British Inv	373		23.5	6.3	
75	55	Brunner	72		3.1b	4.3	
185	155	Charter Agency			25.7b	13.9	
486	415	Continental	466		1.1	0.7	
178	155	Crescent Japan	448				
485	275	Delta	485		10.2	9.9	
108	88	Derby Inc	108				
104	80	Do Cap	104		12.7	4.4	
296	241	Drayton Cons	292		1.5	1.1	
146	98	Drayton Far East	137		3.6	0.8	
428	295	Drayton Japan	404		18.3	4.5	
415	298	Drayton Premier	388		9.7	2.7	
149	140	Dundee Lon	149		3.7	2.5	
236	148	Edin Amer Asset	230		5.7	2.5	
117	87	Edinburgh	111		4.8b	5.7	
288	210	Electra Sec	288		9.9b	3.9	
178	152	English Int	250		6.2	3.4	
75	53	English Scot	75		2.6	3.5	
108½	88	English NY	94		2.4	2.5	
296	241	F & C Alliance	296		6.6b	3.1	
197	117	F&C Pacific	197		0.5	0.2	
210	162	Family	210		12.5b	6.8	
279	194	First Scot Amer	267		8.7	4.9	
208	158	First Un Gen	190		7.4	4.4	
265	198	Fleming American	265		12.4	4.9	
265	198	Fleming Clever	265		11.1	4.4	
188	135	Fleming Enterprise	188		2.9	2.5	
328	228	Fleming Far East	324		5.6	2.2	
169	135	Fleming Fledgling	169		3.5	2.8	
389	280	Fleming Japan	389		4.3	1.4	
114	89	Fleming Mercantile	114		3.3b	3.2	
156	116	Fleming Overseas	156		3.1	2.5	
318	248	Fleming Tech	318		9.6	3.0	
318	248	Fleming Universal	318		3.6	2.7	
113	95	For Col	113				
175	129	GSC Capital	175		2.2b	1.1	
918	720	GT Japan	918		13.6	2.2	
433	433	General Funds	433		13.1	5.1	
258	184	General Cons	258				

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
126	77	Glasgow Stock	124		2.8	2.4	
197	167	Globe	205		2.3	1.1	
176	176	Greenfriar	176		5.3	3.0	
1675	1675	Gresham House	1675		54.4	3.2	
167	167	Hambros	167		9.2	5.5	
241	241	Hill (P)	241		7.5	3.1	
189	189	Invest-in Success	189		5.3b	2.8	
215	215	Inv Cap	215		8.1	3.8	
130	130	Jessel Assets	130		6.4	4.9	
215	215	Lake View	215		7.9	3.7	
130	130	Law Debenture	130		5.4	4.2	
71	71	Lon Atlantean Sec	71		2.3	3.2	
191	191	Lon Trust	191		5.4b	2.8	
79	79	Merchants	79		2.6	3.3	
121	121	Monks	121		3.4b	2.8	
118	118	Murray Income	118		5.6	4.7	
152	152	Murray Growth	152		6.5	4.3	
155	155	Murray Int	155		6.5	4.2	
155	155	Murray Scot	155		6.5	4.2	
155	155	Murray Venture	155		6.5	4.2	
168	168	New Court	168		6.5	3.8	
73	73	New Darien Ord	73		6.7	3.5	
178	178	NSS	178		3.9	2.2	
218	218	Nedhog Inv 83	218		8.5	3.9	
218	218	New Tokyo	218		8.5	3.9	
218	218	Nth Atlantic Sec	218		8.5	3.9	
218	218	Nth Brit Assets	218		7.7	3.5	
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218	218	Personal Assets	218		8.5	3.9	
218	218	Ranbaun	218		8.5	3.9	
218	218	Scottish & Metr	218		8.5	3.9	
218	218	River Plate	218		10.8	4.6	
218	218	Robeco	218				
218	218	Rolinco	218		6.6	2.5	
297	195	Romney	297				
111½	94	Toronto	210				
328	237	St Andrews	328		11.0	3.4	
273	211	Scottish	273		7.4	2.8	
174	174	Scot American	174		6.1	3.5	
117	117	Scot Eastern	117		3.9	3.3	
270	270	Scot Mtge	270		9.1	3.4	
195	195	Scot Nat	195		6.7	3.4	
285	285	Scot Ntnl	285		13.1	4.6	
384	384	Scot Mere 'A'	384		20.8b	5.4	
384	384	Second Alliance	384		5.9b	1.5	
115	115	Sec Of Scotland	115		2.2	1.9	
78	78	Smaller Cos	78		0.8	1.0	
96	96	Stewart Ensrg	96		3.4	3.5	
128	128	Stockholders	128		2.9	2.3	
82	82	Tr Australia	82				

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82	82	Tr City Of Lon Dist	82		4.4b	5.4	
255	255	Tr Ind & Gen	255		10.2	4.0	
250	250	Tr Natural Res	250		4.5b	2.5	
195	195	Tr North America	195		2.9	1.5	
232	232	Tr Pacific Basin	232		4.8	2.1	
142	142	Tr Property	142		2.4	2.8	
91	91	Tr Tech	91		4.9	5.4	
118	118	Tr Trustees	118		6.6	5.7	
118	118	Throgmorton	118		10.7	4.6	
252	252	Throg Balanced Cap	252				
252	252	Throg Secured Cap	252		4.6	2.8	
252	252	Trade Develop	252		3.2	2.5	
77	77	Tribune	77		1.6	2.1	

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

ICI jumps 17p as broker says shares 'grossly undervalued'

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Imperial Chemical Industries, regarded by many as the stock market's bell-wether stock, enjoyed an end of account spin yesterday as de Zoete and Bevan, the broker, described the shares as "grossly undervalued."

The price rose 17p to 786p, with the buying going a long way towards preventing the Budget account finishing without even a whimper.

ICI sentiment has for long been dominated by the dollar's strength against sterling. And with the pound now staging a modest revival the shares have fallen back from their 885p peak with US investors turning sellers.

But Mr Howard Coates, de Zoete's ICI follower, believes the American influence over the shares may be waning.

"The London market will soon appreciate the cheapness of the stock on fundamental trading grounds and take over the driving seat from New York", he said.

After talking to ICI he believes all parts of the group are performing "very well" with the exception of parts of the small colour business.

For the year he is holding his pretax profit forecast at what he describes as a "conservative" £1.140 billion (against £1.034 billion last time). The expected 1986 decline could be to £1.045 billion, although the group could do considerably better.

The ICI excitement, plus some confusion over the **Glaxo Group**, held the spotlight as the market prepared for the long, three-week Easter holiday account.

A flurry of late buying reduced the fall of the *FT* 30 share index, at one time down 6.8 points, to a more 0.7 points at 992.4 points. The more broadly based *FT SE* share index finished with a plus of 2.2 points at 1,302.9 points.

The Glaxo action started on fears that the group's top-selling drug, Zantac, had encountered problems with the American Food and Drug Administration.

Glaxo is seeking approval for the use of Zantac for heartburn relief and the prevention of the recurrence of ulcers.

Glaxo said: "The outcome of the meeting was generally positive. But on the question of recurrence of ulcers the committee has asked for a complex statistical question to be discussed further between the company and FDA experts".

Glaxo shares fell 45p to 1100p at the opening, rallied to 1142p and closed at 1140p–

Commercial Union continued to enjoy another end account boost. The shares reached 210p, up 6p, on continuing bid speculation. **Guardian Royal Exchange**, up 2p at 695p, emerged as the clear favourite to attempt a bid although BTR, Hanson Trust and the West German Allianz group were in the frame.

Government stocks ended mixed. Inflation gilts suffered falls of up to £⅝. At one time conventional gilts had gains of about £¼ and the Government Broker sold out the remainder of his £500 million Exchequer convertible taplet at £93⅜.

Garnar Booth stays popula with investors, the share price rising 4p to 220p yesterday. After good results from other companies in similar businesses, the leather producer is expected to pull out a sizeable rise in profits when it reports in a few weeks' time. City forecasts suggest a pretax figure of £4.6 million, against just under £3.2 million last time.

Among industrial shares, **Newman Industries** gained 3p to 31p alongside annual results showing a profit jump from £3.6 milliomn to £5.4 million. **Turner & Newall** was also responding to yearly figures, slipping 6p to 106p. The £20.5 million pretax outcome was below market hopes, though well ahead of last year.

Baker Perkins, the heavy engineering group, saw some price action. The shares dipped 8p to 207p as an end of account markdown attempted to bring sellers to the pitches. But the price was moving upward again in after hours dealings, as buyers returned.

Thorn EMI rose 12p to 429p on news of a £100 million contract from British Telecom for digital electronic local exchange lines. Market men had been hoping to see Thorn win the work and showed their appreciation of confirmation of the contract.

Elsewhere in the electricals sector, share prices were generally little changed, though **Racal** and **Standard Telephones & Cables** came in for some late buying. Racal closed the session up 2p at 216p and STC rose 4p to 206p.

Oil shares were in mixed mood yesterday as world spot prices for crude continued to trade cautiously. Trading news managed to squeeze price changes out of certain stocks, while others were moved by takeover speculation.

Britoil, which this week reported record profits of £688.1 million, rose 7p to 228p, while **Shell** and **Royal Dutch Petroleum** still showed signs of market dislike of recent results. Royal Dutch fell 82p to 4603p, while Shell dipped to 773p before ending the day at 740p, 2p up on the opening level.

Enterprise Oil, Lasmo and **Tricentrol** moved sharply higher on renewed City talk of a merger of interests. Enterprise rose 6p to 202p, Lasmo gained 13p to 353p at one stage before settling for an 8p rise to 348p, and Tricentrol touched 235p before easing back to 230p, up 12p on the day.

The three companies are thought to be in the midst of discussions, but, while many market traders expect bid offers to emerge, it is suggested that they are talking only about asset swops to maximize tax efficiency. Nevertheless, City opinion says there are old scores to be settled and a bid by Enterprise for Tricentrol is thought possible.

Among discount houses **Gerrard and National** gained 10p to 372p on talk that the split with James Capel, the broker, could clear the way for a bid.

J Rothschild Holdings held at 104p after the company disclosed it had purchased for cancellation another 500,000 shares at 104.5p each.

Fielding, Newson-Smith and Co., the broker, yesterday placed more than 1.6 million shares of Laidlaw Thomson Group, architectural ironmongers, at 82p each. Profits last year were £586,000 (up from £447,000) and at the issue price the shares are on 11.4 times earnings. USM dealings are due to start next Friday.

Speyhawk, the property development company, received an 18p boost to 223p yesterday as analysts were encouraged to take a closer look at the group. Quilter, Goodison, the stockbroker, was reckoned to have met the company on Thursday night and was impressed. Speyhawk is also sharing in post-Budget gladness that VAT has not been extended to new developments.

Traded option highlights

Traded options business slackened off yesterday, after the quiet ending to the account in the main market. Volume reached 7,202 contracts.

Commercial Union, subject of bid speculation, dominated the markets, providing almost a third of the options transactions. Of 2,114 options dealt in, 1,451 were calls. But price movements on CU contracts were kept generally to single figures.

No other option broke the 1,000-traded level, though the gilts option continues to see sizeable business, with 398 contracts changing hands. ICI and BAT provided the only other large volumes in equity options, with 608 and 593 contracts traded respectively.

TEMPUS

Turner & Newall recovers slowly

Turner & Newall might have stepped out of its financial lifeboat but its helmsman, Sir Francis Tombs, is far from giving the order for full steam ahead. The company is not drifting aimlessly but it is clear the recovery will be slower than some had expected.

At the annual meeting last May, Sir Francis talked down some of the more optimistic estimates by saying that 1984 profits would increase by 50 per cent.

Yesterday's preliminary announcement of pretax profits up from £12.5 million to £20.5 million represents a 64 per cent increase but it was still at the bottom end of market expectations.

The recovery over the last two years has been substantial given the group's precarious financial position when Sir Francis took over. However, there is just a suspicion that the bulk of the easy savings has been made and that future profit growth will be much harder to achieve.

The key factor will be the company's success in boosting British earnings. Turner & Newall has tax losses of £90 million which should provide mainstream tax shelter for the rest of the decade. In 1984, operating profits at home rose by £9.2 million to £19.9 million.

This kind of growth cannot be matched this year and the company might need to make an acquisition to bring the profits boost to utilize those tax losses.

Turner & Newall will also be keeping a close watch on the level of asbestosis claims. The £10.7 million charge reduced operating profits by more than a quarter in 1984.

The overseas resuts were far from brilliant.

Overall, though, the company is moving in the right direction. Gearing is down from 23 per cent to 21.3 per cent.

The shares closed down 5p at 107p and are unlikely to excite in the short term, the company is now soundly based for its continued recovery which will be steady rather than spectacular.

Tate & Lyle

Tate & Lyle's decision to invest $21.5 million (£18.3 million) in six sugar beet factories in the US, $27 million in stocks of refined sugar, beet pulp and molasses, and its offer of a few more million dollars to buy a shut-down refinery near New Orleans, just to make sure it stays shut, seems a trifle odd.

The American sugar market is rife with over-capacity, following Pepsi and Coca-Cola's decision to use only artificial sweetners, and sugar consumption has been declining gradually for years on health and weight fears. Margins are under pressure

However, the acquisitions from Great Western Sugar, owned ultimately by the Hunt brothers, do make sense. Great Western is in receivership (*Chapter 11*), so the assets are being bought on the cheap.

Capacity is closing all over America at a brisk pace, keeping Tate's Yonkers refinery operating flat out and encouraging it to believe that supply and demand will ocme back into balance next year. Tate's mopping up of the US sugar market should therefore pay off.

But more mopping up, after four big North American sugar purchases in five months, is out of the question, by Tate's own admission. After the failure to buy Brook Bond, Tate remains a one-product company and vulnerable to sugar market scares. Despite bid speculation the share price has come back from a high at 500p to 435p, with a 3p fall yesterday. The market is looking for diversification.

Hepworth Ceramic

Financial markets may have reacted favourably to the Budget, but back in the real economy the message is bleaker. Disappointing figures from Hepworth Ceramic look to be the direct result of Government astringency over public sector capital projects.

The shares fell 11p on news that profits were only ahead by £2 million, after a distinctly lack-lustre second half. At 129p, the shares have underperformed markedly.

Profits in Hepworth's building and construction side dropped by £2 million, to £21.9 million, and the division seems recession bound. A bitter price war has broken out on the plastics side.

But bearing in mind that the group faced additional problems last year, ranging from the miners' strike, costing about £2 million, to the impact on housing demand of higher rates, the relatively buoyant performance of other divisions looks impressive.

Gearing is only 18 per cent. Hepworth's main fear must be that at the nadir of the building cycle, a cheeky bid might succeed.

Blagden Industries

The complex details of N. M. Rothschild's offer for sale of 14.95 million shares in Blagden Industries, the drums and casks group, will be unveiled over the weekend. It is a novel package which is designed to help finance the £25.75 million acquisition of the European steel drum making activities owned by City Investing, a US group which is currently winding itself up.

City Investing held a 34 per cent stake in Blagden which as part of the winding up, was placed by Rothschild with institutions at 112p a fortnight ago.

The offer splits into three parts. A total of 4.5 million shares are available for existing shareholders at a fixed price of 112p. They can subscribe for as many shares as they want but will be guaranteed at least three-for-10 already held. A further 4.5 million shares will be available to the general public, again at a fixed price of 112p.

The remaining .95 million shares are offered for tender at a minimum striking price of 112p. Around five-sixths of any premium of these shares will be handed back to City Investing.

Existing shareholders who want to increase their investment would be advised to make use of their priority forms to subscribe for the fixed price offer.

Long-term investors who want a stake in Blagden should apply for a share of the fixed price offer at 112p and also submit a tender application at a higher price between 116p and 120p. Any stags who think a quick killing likley should again apply for the fixed price offer and, if oversubscription appears likely, also for the tender offer at up to 115p.

Gilts

The Government Broker's careful funding tactics were duly rewarded yesterday, when the £500 million taplet of Conversion 9¾ per cent 2001 was exhausted at £93⅞. Presumably, the authorities have high hopes of effecting a similar rapid rate of sale on the Exchequer 11 per cent 1991 tranchette, now that the building societies are bidding actively for funds. But gilts traded with some underlying uncertainty yesterday, as currency forecasts of a sterling–dollar rate of $1.25 vied with market rumours of stealthy Bank of England intervention on the foreign exchanges.

Over the week, the yield curve has steepened slightly and this trend might continue following the Bank's dealings yesterday with the houses. The bulk of the £800 million shortage was taken out by sale and repurchase agreements, suggesting that the traders are still pushing hard for more cuts in base rates.

Worried about the dollar? Gartmore probably has the answer

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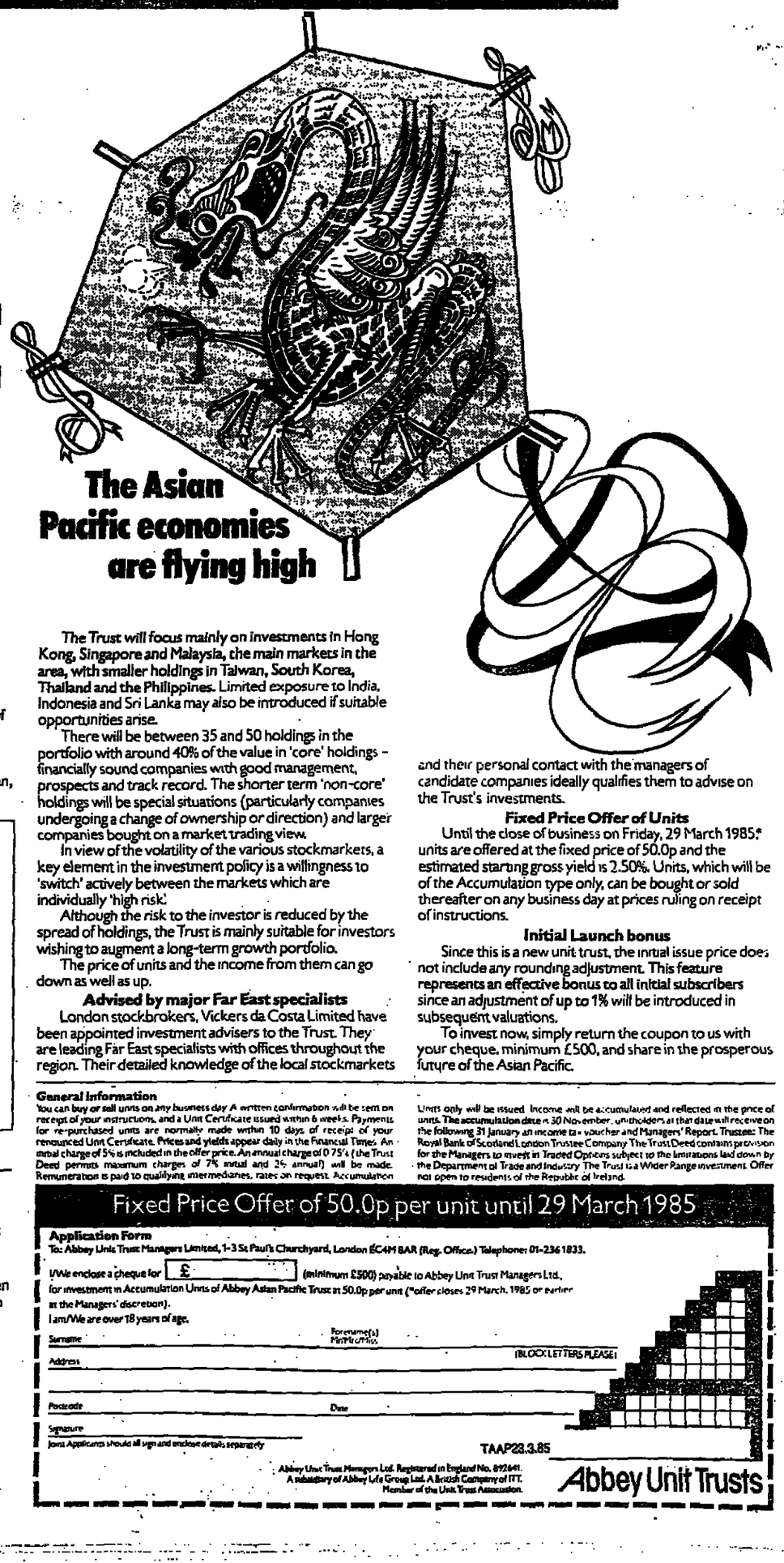
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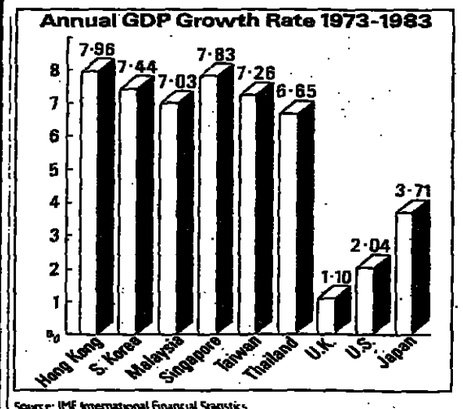


The Asian Pacific economies are flying high

Abbey's new Trust offers an opportunity to invest in the fastest developing geographical area of the world – the Asian Pacific.

- The aim of the Trust is capital growth from a diversified, actively managed portfolio of shares in companies quoted on stockmarkets in the Asian Pacific region, excluding Japan.
- New investment opportunities are rapidly opening up there, and the emergence of the People's Republic of China as a major market is likely to ensure the region's continued rapid economic development.
- The countries in which the Trust will be invested have, over the past 10 years, consistently outpaced Japan, the US and the UK in economic growth.

Annual GDP Growth Rate 1973-1983



Source: IMF International Financial Statistics plus Hong Kong and Taiwan Government Statistics.

- The recent agreement between China and Britain over Hong Kong confirms China's positive attitude towards the West and towards free enterprise.
- A stockbroker specialising in Far Eastern investment has been appointed to advise on the Trust.

The promise of the Asian Pacific

The region's economic growth, which to date has been achieved and sustained through the needs of the western world, has enabled each individual country to create strong domestic markets. Now, with the rapid development of China as a consumer economy and all its attendant requirements, the region is poised for further dramatic growth and is likely to become a major world economic force by the turn of the century.

Portfolio Composition

The Asian Pacific region, as defined for the Trust, includes all the economies in South East Asia with the exception of Japan which, because of its size, merits separate treatment.

The Trust will focus mainly on investments in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia, the main markets in the area, with smaller holdings in Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand and the Philippines. Limited exposure to India, Indonesia and Sri Lanka may also be introduced if suitable opportunities arise.

There will be between 35 and 50 holdings in the portfolio with around 40% of the value in 'core' holdings – financially sound companies with good management, prospects and track record. The shorter term 'non-core' holdings will be special situations (particularly companies undergoing a change of ownership or direction) and larger companies bought on a market trading view.

In view of the volatility of the various stockmarkets, a key element in the investment policy is a willingness to 'switch' actively between the markets which are individually 'high risk'.

Although the risk to the investor is reduced by the spread of holdings, the Trust is mainly suitable for investors wishing to augment a long-term growth portfolio.

The price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up.

Advised by major Far East specialists

London stockbrokers, Vickers da Costa Limited have been appointed investment advisers to the Trust. They are leading Far East specialists with offices throughout the region. Their detailed knowledge of the local stockmarkets and their personal contact with the managers of candidate companies ideally qualifies them to advise on the Trust's investments.

Fixed Price Offer of Units

Until the close of business on Friday, 29 March 1985* units are offered at the fixed price of 50.0p and the estimated starting gross yield is 2.50%. Units, which will be of the Accumulation type only, can be bought or sold thereafter on any business day at prices ruling on receipt of instructions.

Initial Launch bonus

Since this is a new unit trust, the initial issue price does not include any rounding adjustment. This feature represents an effective bonus to all initial subscribers since an adjustment of up to 1% will be introduced in subsequent valuations.

To invest now, simply return the coupon to us with your cheque, minimum £500, and share in the prosperous future of the Asian Pacific.

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You can buy or sell units on any business day. A written confirmation will be sent on receipt of your instructions, and a Unit Certificate issued within 6 weeks. Payments for re-purchased units are normally made within 10 days of receipt of your renounced Unit Certificate. Prices and yields appear daily in the Financial Times. An initial charge of 5% is included in the offer price. An annual charge of 0.75% (the Trust Deed permits maximum charges of 7% initial and 2% annual) will be made. Remuneration is paid to qualifying intermediaries, rates on request. Accumulation Units only will be issued. Income will be accumulated and reflected in the price of units. The accumulation date is 30 November, unitholders at that date will receive on the following 31 January an income tax voucher and Managers' Report. Trustee: The Royal Bank of Scotland London Trustee Company. The Trust Deed contains provision for the Managers to invest in Traded Options subject to the limitations laid down by the Department of Trade and Industry. The Trust is a Wider Range investment. Offer not open to residents of the Republic of Ireland.

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Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the new Ordinary Shares of Blagden Industries PLC to be admitted to the Official List

Blagden Industries PLC

(Incorporated under the Companies Acts 1908 to 1917 and registered in England Number 178227)

Offer for Sale by

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of 14,950,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each of which at least 9,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each will be sold at the minimum tender price of 112p per share and up to 5,950,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each are reserved for sale at the Striking Price (being not less than 113p per share), the price tendered being payable in full on application

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Authorised		*Issued and fully paid*
£8,500,000	Ordinary Shares of 25p each	£7,321,576

Blagden is in the business of manufacturing and reconditioning drums and casks principally for supply to the chemical and petrochemical industries. As a result of its recent acquisition of certain European container businesses, a major extension of the size and geographical spread of Blagden's activities has been achieved.

The application list will open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 28th March, 1985 and may be closed at any time thereafter.

This advertisement does not constitute an offer or invitation to any person to apply for or purchase any of the shares to be offered. Copies of the Offer for Sale Document (on the terms of which, alone, applications will be considered), with application forms, will be available, from 25th March, 1985, from:

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The Offer for Sale will be published, with application forms, in the Financial Times and Daily Telegraph on 25th March, 1985.

FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

New cash card

A deposit account can be inflexible if you have to write to your branch and request cash to be transferred to your current account whenever you want to make a withdrawal. The National Westminster Bank has introduced servicecard to enable the account holder to make withdrawals of up to £100 a week from automated cash dispensers.

NatWest's three million deposit account holders are being invited to apply for the new cash card, which is available to all personal deposit account holders with a minimum balance of £100. Cardholders may use any of NatWest's 1,550 *Servicetills* and *Rapid Cash* tills, or Midland Bank's 850 *Autobanks*, to make withdrawals. Each card has a fixed weekly withdrawal limit of £100, although any number of withdrawals up to this figure can be made. Seven days' interest is forfeited on the amount withdrawn.

Budget phone-in

If you want an overview of what the Budget contained, from this weekend ring 01-675 6666 and hear Britannia Group's analysis of the Chancellor's changes.

A three-minute recording is available on a 24-hour basis. "Three minutes might not sound much, but our investment team packs a lot into it and the service is extremely popular", commented Mr Keith Crowley, marketing director of Britannica.

Britannica's *Viewpoint* service was started just over two years ago and receives in excess of 30,000 calls a year. The Budget summary is on a new number because of the volume of calls on the main *Viewpoint* number.

Popular pension

Framlington, the fund managers, has taken in more than £3.2 million on its new pension policy, with the bulk of the premiums invested in its managed fund. The policy is unusual in that policyholders have the option of investing in Framlington unit trusts with the pension wraparound policy provided free.

In effect this is a way of investing in Framlington's trusts and obtaining tax relief of up to 60 per cent at the same time. All other pension plans make a charge for the pension policy and administration.

Details from Framlington Life, 3 London Wall Buildings, London Wall, EC2M 5NQ. (Tel: 01-628 5181).

Tesco in bank trial

Midland Bank is to open personal banking facilities on a trial basis in three Tesco superstores. The first Midland Bank at Tesco will be at the 100th Tesco branch, due to open in June at Brent Park, Neasden, London. Two more in-store branches will open later in the year – one at Beaumont Leys, near Leicester and the other at Bursledon Towers, near Southampton.

Shoppers will be able to cash cheques, open free (if in credit) bank accounts, arrange personal loans house mortgages, insurance and the like, six days a week.

Mr Michael Fuller, general manager for Midland's business development, said: Our aim is to provide our customers with the kind of service they want. We are setting out to mould traditional and well-tried banking concepts to meet new and rapidly changing conditions."



Handy Andy

Andy Capp, the cartoon character, is being used to promote National Girobank's Transcash service. Andy will be seen in a series of press advertisements, paying household bills quickly and inexpensively at the post office so that he can get back to his snooker. Transcash is a consumer payment service available at any of 20,000 British post offices.

Stake in timber

Land and timber prices in the United States are below European levels and must move upwards, according to Mr Bill Dodds, managing director of Fountain Forestry, which has acquired 80,000 acres of forest in the New England states.

"For nearly two centuries timber prices have gone up by an average of 1.7 per cent above the consumer price index. With a world timber shortage forecast in the next 20 years, this is projected to increase further – particularly with quality hardwoods," commented Mr Dodds. Mature woodland in the United States sells for around $250 to $300 an acre.

Favourable tax laws in the US make an investment particularly attractive to private individuals as well as companies. Tax relief is given on interest payments on money borrowed in Britain to finance purchase of forests in the US. In addition a US tax concession known as "depletion" allows the gradual write-off of an investment and enhances the returns. Profits from forests are liable to capital gains tax in this country.

Fountain Forestry looks after £150 million of woodland assets for investors in this country and Fountain is now opening up the market for UK investors wanting to get into the US. Minimum investment is $100,000. A seminar on forestry investment in the US is being held on March 29. Details from Mr Brian Howell on 01-631 0845.

Girobank increase

National Girobank is putting up the charges on its *Transcash* service from 35p to 40p from April 1. The service enables people to make payments at any of 20,000 post offices to individuals or organizations with a Girobank account – local authorities, public utilities, mail order companies, etc.

No postage or envelope is required to make the payment and *Transcash* slips from post offices can also be used to order goods or services. "Many organizations receiving payments in this way pay the fees themselves so that about 70 per cent of customers pay no *Transcash* fee at the post office counter," says Girobank.

Business course

The small businessman has to be sales director, personnel manager and finance director rolled into one. But help with financial controls is at hand in the shape of management courses at Blackwood Hodge Management Centre in conjunction with Thornton Baker, the accountants.

The course covers the topics, *Know Your Own Company, Control Your Finances* and *Plan Your Business*.

The first series one seminar begins on March 29 but there are repeats on April 12 and 19. Series two begins on June 10 and series three on October 14.

Fees for the programme on three one-day seminars are £250 a person including all tutorial time, materials and catering. Individual seminars can be booked at £90 a person and overnight accommodation is also available.

Full details from Miss Sue Laste, short course administrator, Blackwood Hodge Management Centre, Nene College, Moulton Park, Northampton, NN2 7AL [Tel: Northampton (0604) 719531].

Car theft

Endsleigh, the insurance broker, which offers students and others some of the best insurance terms available, is opening another eight centres. Five are already operational – at Bradford, Glasgow, Reading, Sheffield and Sutton Coldfield – and three will follow at Guildford, Milton Keynes, and Walsall. All will be open Monday to Friday, 9.30 am to 5.30 pm and between 9.30 am and 12.30 on Saturdays.

One of the latest policies on offer from Endsleigh covers some of the most common motoring incidents which are generally not covered by conventional motor policies. The new policy offers cover for theft from your car, windscreen breakage, car hire while your car is off the road and personal accident. Premiums range from £9 a year for windscreen replacement cover of £75 for motorists who already have an Endsleigh policy, to £44 a year for £300 worth of car theft cover in the high risk GLC area.

Full details from branches, or from Endsleigh Insurance Services, Endsleigh House, Cheltenham Spa, Gloucestershire, GL50 3NR (Tel: 0242 36151).

Caravan cover

THE AUTOMOBILE Association has introduced an insurance policy for caravans. The premium is £1.20 for each £100 of cover, or £1.50 per £100 for caravans which are permanently sited. Additional cover for sports equipment, camping gear and the like works out at £2.00 per £100 and you can also buy £500 worth of insurance for your own clothing and personal effects for a flat fee of £7.50.

Details from any AA centre, or the Automobile Association, Fanum House, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 2 EA.

The Halifax

The table published in last week's Family Money gave the mortgage rate for the Halifax Building Society as 14 per cent on the whole range of loans. This rate was reduced at the end of February to 13.5 per cent.

ALLOWANCES

Old people fall back in tax benefits

It will not have escaped pensioners' attention that the Chancellor failed to raise age allowance by as much as he increased other personal tax allowances.

Age allowance goes up by 8 per cent for a single person – from £2,490 to £2,690. Married couples over 65 will receive a 7.5 per cent increase in their tax allowance – up from £3,995 to £4,255 in 1985-86. Those under 65 receive 9.9 per cent and 9.5 per cent uprating respectively.

"With the losses sustained in last year's Budget, single pensioners are now paying £1.32 and married couples £2.28 more tax per week than they would had the thresholds been raised in line with the rest of the population," Mr David Hobman, director of Age Concern, said.

Mr Hobman is pinning his hopes on the proposed Green Paper on the reform of personal taxation. "The Government must grasp this chance to iron out the injustices suffered by thrifty people on low retirement incomes who are punished by taxation or withdrawal of benefits, and must convert the age allowance to a retirement allowance to help single, divorced and widowed women between 60 and 64."

The threshold which age allowance starts to be clawed back was raised by 8 per cent from £8,100 to £8,800 in £1985-86, and pensioners with income at around this level must make the most of the situation by ensuing that income from investments is derived in such a way as to preserve age allowance fully.

For example, a married couple with State and occupational pensions totalling between £8,800 and £10,000 should put any savings they may have into tax-free National Savings certificates and use th regular enchasment plan (which is published from time to time in Family Money) to provide income. This way they are able to avoid any further clawback.

Clawback works like this: For every £3 of gross income over the £8,800 threshold, age allowance is reduced by £2. A married couple with £8,800 in pension and £300 gross building society income will find that £200 is knocked off their age allowance for tax purposes, and they will pay £60 a year more in tax than the same couple who have put their money into National Savings certificates.

To some elderly people, clawback comes as a shock. Most people are aware that basic rate tax is deducted at source from building society investments. And most pensioners will know whether they are likely to be liable for higher rates of income tax – few are since you need taxable income of £16,200 before you are liable for higher rates.

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STAMP DUTY

Help for separated couples

There are not many concessions in the Budget to those going through a divorce, but the Chancellor was able to make a useful amendment to stamp duty

Stamp duty on property transferred on divorce has been abolished. In the past, a married couple who jointly owned a house worth more than £60,000 could be liable to stamp duty if they decided to convey it into the name of one partner only

Increasingly working wives may choose to take all the marital home and settle for lower maintenance. If the value of the husband's half-share exceeded £30,000 – the starting point for stamp duty – then the transfer into the wife's name would cost 1 per cent of the value of the half-share.

A similar situation exists when a person dies, and the beneficiaries of the estate want to convey property from one person to another to rearrange the bequests known as a Deed of Family Arrangement. Here again, the Chancellor has abolished stamp duty

MONTHLY REPAYMENTS ON A NEW 25 YEAR REPAYMENT LOAN

	Net of Basic Rate Tax Relief						Gross		
Mortgage Rate %	£1,000	£10,000	£15,000	£20,000	£25,000	£30,000	£40,000	£50,000	£60,000
12.5	8.32	83.20	124.80	166.40	208.00	249.60	440.00	550.00	660.00
12.75	8.45	84.50	126.75	169.00	211.25	253.50	447.60	559.50	671.40
13.0	8.56	85.60	128.40	171.12	214.00	256.80	454.80	568.50	682.20
13.25	8.66	86.60	129.90	173.20	216.50	259.80	462.40	578.00	693.60
13.5	8.80	88.00	132.00	176.00	220.00	264.00	470.00	587.50	705.00
13.75	8.90	89.00	133.50	178.00	222.50	267.00	477.60	597.94	855.38
14.0	9.04	90.40	135.60	180.80	226.00	271.20	485.20	605.50	727.80
14.25	9.15	91.50	137.25	183.00	228.75	274.50	492.80	616.00	739.20
14.5	9.29	92.90	139.35	185.80	232.25	278.25	500.40	625.50	750.60
14.75	9.40	94.00	141.00	188.00	235.00	282.00	508.00	635.00	762.00
15.0	9.54	95.40	143.10	190.80	238.50	286.20	516.00	645.00	774.00

Homebuyers are entitled to mortgage interest relief at their highest rate of tax paid (up to 60 per cent) on the first £30,000 of a loan. Below this figure tax relief at the basic rate is allowed for at source. Above £30,000 mortgage repayments are made gross and tax relief claimed separately.

MORTGAGES

Blow for spring house hunters

Mortgage rates are going up yet again, just as the housebuying season is getting under way. The Building Societies Association has suggested an increase of one percentage point and most societies look prepared to follow this to the letter. National & Provincial and the Woolwich already have, with the new rates applicable from April 1 for all new and most existing borrowers.

It is true that mortgage rates have once or twice been higher than the new level of about 14 per cent. In 1979-80, for instance, they rose to 15 per cent. But in those days inflation was also high so the real cost of borrowing was small. These days inflation is lower – just over 5 per cent – and the real cost of borrowing has never been so high. Even after tax relief the net cost of a home loan at 14 per cent is 9.8 per cent – 4.8 per cent in excess of the inflation rate.

Does this mean that potential house buyers will simply feel they cannot afford a mortgage? Many of the building societies believe not. Mr Eric Smith, of National & Provincial, said: "We do not expect the increase to have a significant effect on mortgage demand.

"At the moment we are lending all we can. People seem to be willing to pay almost anything".

The societies seem to be split over the prospects of a fall in mortgage rates.

But Mr Tim Melville-Ross, chief general manager of Nationwide, said: "I am hoping for lower mortgage rates by the summer.

Others in the industry are not so optimistic though many believe that a significant fall in base rates and a consequent reduction in mortgage costs will not come at least until the end of this year.

For investors, of course, the news is good. The real rate of return on their money is also historically high, but the increase – up from a base line of 7.5 per cent to 8.25 per cent – simply brings them into line with bank high interest accounts.

Bank high interest accounts are paying about 13.5 to 14 per cent which after basic rate tax works out at 9.4 to 9.8 per cent.

Richard Thomson

MANAGEMENT

Fund charges can hit gains

The difference between an investment fund that charges 0.5 per cent annual management fee and one that changes 1 per cent does not sound very much, but it can make a significant difference in cash terms when profits are realised.

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"These figures are a bit of an eye-opener," says Mr Tim Miller, of Framlington Unit Trust Management, a group which is proud of its low charging structure. "Of the 15 largest unit trust groups, Framlington is virtually alone in keeping its charges at 0.5 per cent."

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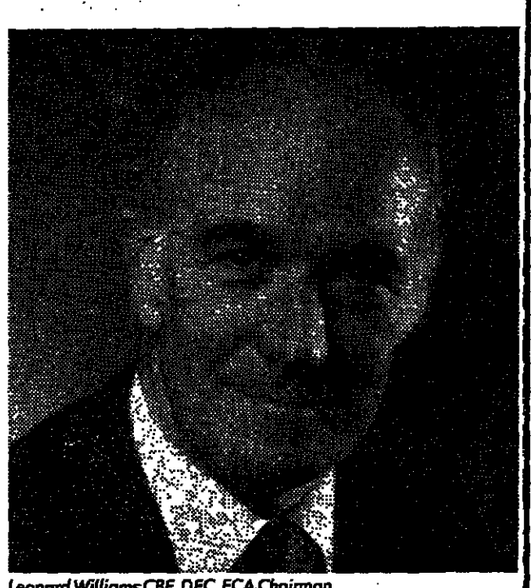
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FAMILY MONEY

NATIONAL INSURANCE

Higher earnings threshold favours the company perk

Anyone involved with wage negotiations, whether employees or employer, would do well to read the small print of the Budget proposals on National Insurance.

The move to abolish the higher earnings threshold for employers' NI contributions has loaded the dice heavily in favour of employee perks like company cars, non-contributory pension schemes, share option plans and the like.

For higher paid employees, it makes no sense to give a pay rise on which there will be a 10.45 per cent NI levy. Much better to hand over a company car, or pay higher contributions to the pension scheme than hand over cash.

"It is going to become a tax planner's paradise", was the reaction of Mr John Greener, of Richards Longstaff. "Non-contributory pension schemes are going to look much more attractive to employers, because they won't pay National Insurance contributions on the money they pay into a pension scheme on the employees' behalf. If they pay it over in salary, there will be this 10.45 per cent levy.

"I have had the managing director of one company on the line which has two employees earning over £100,000, and around 20 on salaries of £50,000. He is talking about salary reductions if he can put the money into a pension scheme," commented pension consultant Mr Patrick McNamee of PMA and Associates.

"Salary cuts are obviously the answer unless the pension scheme is already on maximum benefits. I think we will end up with totally non-contributory pension schemes for all higher paid employees".

Fortunately, the Chancellor spared the workers, and has not increased employee contributions at the top end of the scale, but employers with a significant proportion of employees earning over £13,780 a year are going to feel the draught.

"It is quite simply extra taxation. Employers with pension schemes contracted out of the State earnings-related pension scheme will get no rebate for contributions paid over the higher earnings threshold, so they are paying contributions for a pension benefit which their employees will never get", says Mr Greener.

Employers with company pension schemes contracted out of the State earnings-related pension scheme are entitled to a rebate of 4.1 per cent on NI contributions paid on earnings between £35.50 a week and £265. But this rebate will not apply for contributions now payable on earnings over the £265 threshold.

Since the employee will only draw an earnings-related pension up to the upper earnings threshold of £265 a week, the employer is paying NI contributions for benefits the employee will never receive.

"It will also encourage higher paid employees to have some self-employed earnings, or to become full time self-employed", explains Mr Greener. "It will be a field day for accountants. I think it is asking for trouble".

At the other end of the earnings scale, the adjustments favour both employer and employee, the aim being to encourage employment among school-leavers, who are generally at the bottom end of the earnings scale. (The table gives details of contributions payable).

But you have to be on a very low wage to benefit from the cuts which only affect those earning less than £90 a week or £4,680 a year. For someone earning just under £90 a week the benefit works out at £1.80 a week.

Those who have gained most from the NI changes are, quite definitely, the self-employed. Flat rate Class 2 contributions are to be cut from £4.75 a week to £3.50 a week from October 1985 and from that date half the profit related Class 4 contributions can be deducted from gross earnings before tax liability is calculated.

Up to now, NI contributions have always been paid out of after-tax earnings.

Lorna Bourke

NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Employees – What You Will Pay

From October 6, 1985, class 1 National Insurance contributions for employees within the State earnings-related scheme will be payable as follows:

Weekly earnings	Employee's rate payable on all earnings %	Employer
Below £35.50	nil	nil
Between £35.50 and £55	5	5
Between £55 and £90	7	7
Between £90 and £130	9	9
Between £130 and £265	9	10.45

On earnings above £265pw employees' contributions will be restricted to 9 per cent of £265pw, but there will be no upper earnings limit in respect of the 10.45 per cent rate of employers' contributions.

There will be no change to the contracted out abatements of 4.1 per cent for the employer and 2.15 per cent for the employee on earnings between the lower and upper earnings limits of £35.50 and £265 respectively.

What Self-Employed Will Pay

	From April 6	From Oct 6
Class 2 (weekly rate)	£4.75	£3.50
Class 4	6.30%	6.30%
Lower profits limit	£4,150	£4,150
Upper profits limit	£13,780	£13,780

From April 6, half of Class 4 contributions will be deductible from profits for income tax purposes.

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	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	–	–	£10,000	£10,000
1965	£396	£536	10,200	10,000
1970	463	650	10,760	10,000
1975	828	871	16,300	10,000
1980	1,660	1,200	24,280	10,000
1984	2,018	853	54,300	10,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic-rate tax.
The Building Society income figures are 1¼% above the average of the rates offered in each year (source: Building Societies Association).
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23 May '69	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1970	11,760	8,570	11,020	11,058
1975	26,400	11,121	21,283	16,178
1980	102,560	17,287	40,175	25,521
1984	214,720	39,977	52,405	36,769

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax.
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5 June '56	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1960	19,534	20,080	11,293	12,483
1965	31,947	26,230	13,492	16,093
1970	47,537	30,540	17,143	21,636
1975	81,843	39,620	33,107	31,651
1980	200,813	61,600	62,494	49,931
1984	463,879	142,410	81,519	71,938

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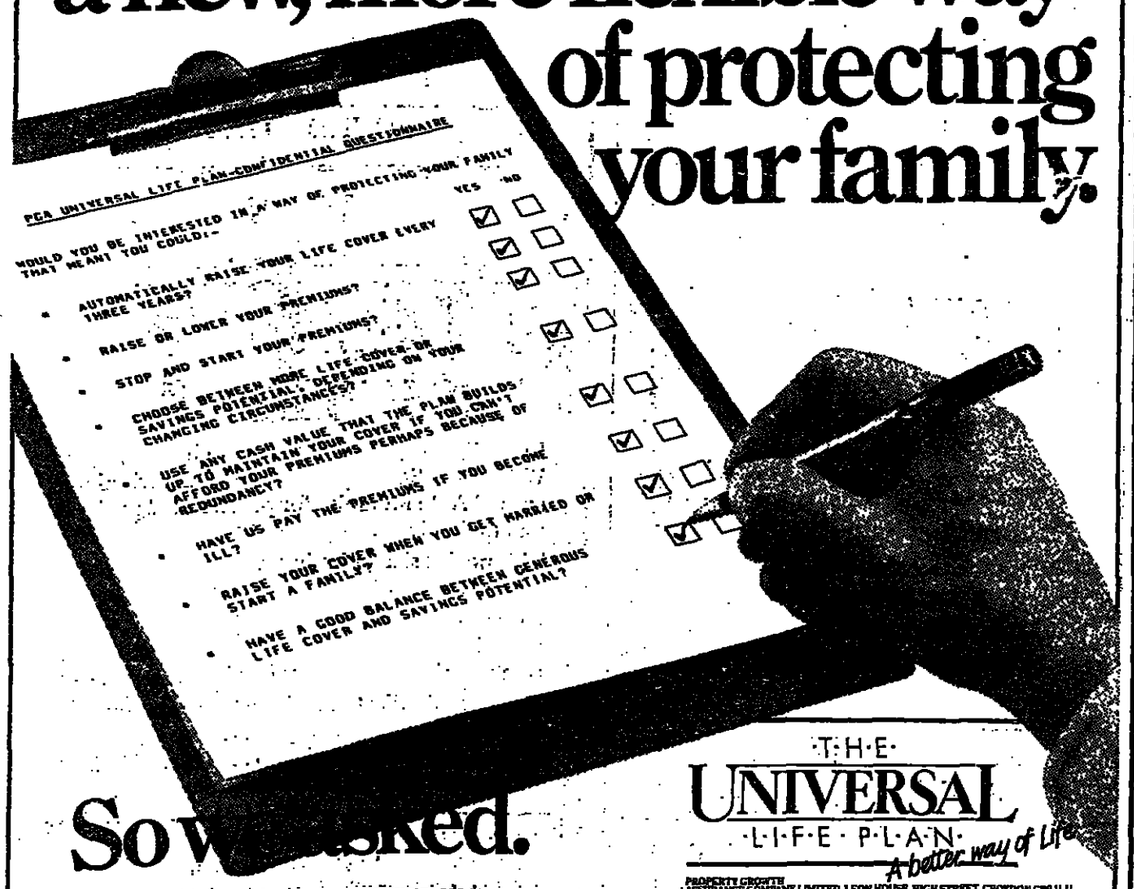
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On Tuesday of this week gold staged its biggest one-day rise in over two years to reach $339 an ounce, though it fell back to $312 on Thursday and closed the week at around $315.

"Because of high exchange rates and a huge United States trade deficit, pressure on the American banking system has now shifted from the international banking corporations to the many smaller domestic state-based banks, said Mr Michael Summers, a gold expert at the stockbroker Penny Easton & Co.

"These domestic banks are now coming under severe pressure as domestic agricultural and industrial businesses find it increasingly difficult to service their commercial loans. The problem is much more widespread than might appear on the surface. The Ohio banking crisis is a relatively small affair but it is symptomatic of a much larger phenomenon".

Mr Summers believes that gold's reawakening this week is indicative of a market about to change direction and move up in price. "We will see the gold price attacking $400 an ounce in the next four to six weeks he predicts.

DEPOSITS

Interest date to remember

Anyone wanting to move their bank deposits to a Channel Islands account, or National Savings investment accont to avoid having basic rate tax deducted at sorce when it is introduced on April 5, should be careful about precisely when they close their account.

The accountancy firm, Robson Rhodes, says in its review of the far reaching implications of CRT (composite rate tax) and the way it will affect bank depositors, that "most deposit accounts should not be closed before April 6."

The date will ensure that the investor does not fall foul of the complicated tax rules concerning the opening and closing years of bank deposit accounts. Investors who close their accounts before April 6 will lose

It is important to get the gross interest credited to your account before April 6, and according to Robson Rhodes, you will have to write to your bank and request that this is done.

In the case of depositors with accounts at Barclays, Lloyds, Co-op Bank, Williams & Glyn's, Royal Bank of Scotland and Citibank, these banks will be automatically crediting interest to clients' accounts by April 5. Customers with Midland, NatWest, TSB and Allied Irish Banks will have to write and specially request that interest is credited before April 5.

Bank depositors who will be affected by the changeover to paying interest net of basic rate tax are: all personal account holders whether joint or individual, nominee accounts held in the names of parents for their children, sole traders accounts, and savings clubs.

Companies, charities, clubs, trade unions and anyone depositing £50,000 or more on fixed terms of 28 days or more will not be subject to CRT, and will continue to receive interest gross.

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BUSINESS EXPANSION

Investors who made sure before Lawson's tax axe

As expected, the Chancellor of the Exchequer decided enough was enough and put his foot down firmly on the property development Business Expansion Schemes which had suddenly mushroomed in the run-up to the Budget.

Investors had decided that, as most of the benefit of BES schemes was in the tax relief, what they really wanted was a safe investment to ensure that their money was returned at the end of the five-year period – hence the huge popularity of the property-backed funds.

The clampdown, however, is not retrospective. Anyone who had money in a property development BES scheme, and – most important – had the shares issued by midnight on Budget day, March 19, will qualify for full tax relief on the investment.

Perhaps the only surprise came when the Chancellor turned a blind eye to wine companies.

Our table shows BES funds still open for applications after those which have closed for subscriptions and all the property development companies which now no longer qualify have been weeded out.

Of the wine companies, Johnson Fry's Bugletime has extended its closing date to April 1. It took in £311,000 in the five days on offer before the Budget. Mr Charles Fry's two property development funds, London & Bristol and City Gate Estates, took in £4.3 million and £3 million respectively before closing on Budget day.

But Mr Fry feels the Chancellor could have done more to make BES schemes more effective.

He said: "I get a lot of people coming to me with really good ideas wanting me to raise BES finance for them. Usually they only want something like £150,000 to £250,000.

"I can't send out anything to my clients unless it is a full prospectus and that costs something like £50,000 with professional fees, which means that it just isn't worthwhile for these smaller businesses.

BUSINESS EXPANSION FUNDS STILL OPEN

Fund/Company	Sponsor	Business	Minimum investment	Closing date	Contact Tel. No.
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PENSIONS

Firms fear rush to end new policies

The pre-Budget scare that the Chancellor would remove some of the tax reliefs on pension plans produced a bonanza for the life assurance companies.

As with last year's panic over life assurance premium relief, the companies indulged in an orgy of selling self-employed and "top hat" policies. Many wrote the equivalent of a whole year's normal business in weeks.

But when the big day came the Chancellor did nothing. While the principle of taking out a pension is an admirable one there are likely to be many who, in the heat of the moment, took out a policy they may now decide that they do not really need or is bigger than they can really afford.

Mr Gerry Greyburn, marketing director of Hambro Life, said: "We do expect quite a lot of people to have second thoughts. In fact, we have prepared a little speech to make to such people, trying to persuade them to carry on with their new policy."

But if you are not persuaded and you still want to reverse your policy, what can you do?

The answer is, not much. There is no "cooling off" period on pensions, as there is on life assurance contracts, which allows the investor time to think things over before he is irrevocably committed. Once you have bought a pension scheme you cannot get out again.

It may theoretically still be possible to stop a pension proposal before the life company has had time to process it. Many of the companies have had a huge backlog of proposals, such was the demand.

Unfortunately, you are unlikely to get to the company in time. After all, the whole point of applying for a pension scheme before the Budget was to have a plan in place before any tax changes became effective. "We did our best and there were very few applications we had not processed by the time the Chancellor sat down on Tuesday", Mr Greyburn added.

If your proposal has already been processed and accepted you are legally bound to remain in the scheme until you retire. The only way around this is simply to make the scheme paid up after the first premium and pay in no more.

Such a small sum of money is not going to produce much when you retire, but at least you will not be bound to keep paying premiums you may not be able to afford. On the other hand, the company may charge you a fee to make the scheme paid up.

If you have bought one of the new breed of flexible personal pensions, however, this may not be necessary. On many of these you can stop paying premiums for a time and then "reinstate" the scheme (resume premium payments) later. This avoids a fee for closing the policy.

On many schemes you may also be able to vary the size of your premium, so if your only problem is that you started out paying more than you could afford, the solution here is simple – lower your premiums.

As a last resort, there is one sure and effective way of ending an unwanted pension policy if you are fast on your feet. Stop the cheque for the first premium if it has not already been cashed. This will immediately void the policy and you will have no further obligations.

But before you rush out of your rush into pensions, it is worth thinking carefully. The majority of the 9 million people outside occupational pension schemes do not have any pension arrangement. Most of them probably should have one.

Richard Thomson

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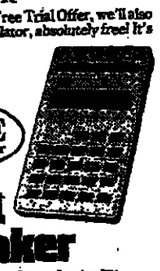
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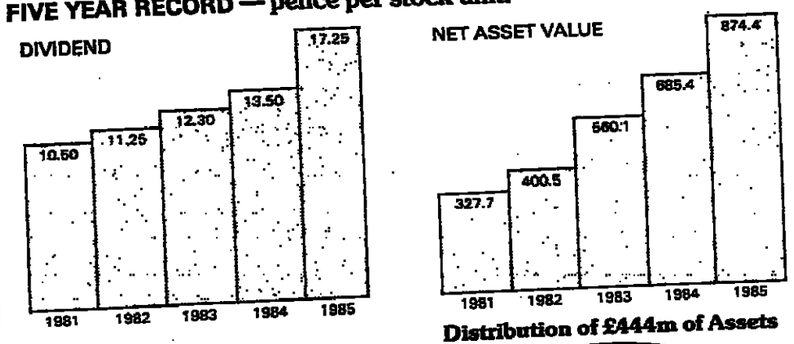
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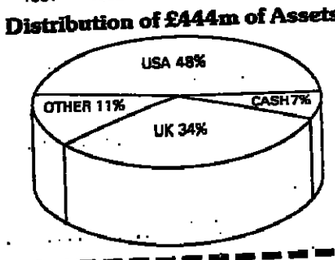
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Fairer system but still a jungle for investors

Universal groans must have been heard in every stockbroker's office in the City when the Chancellor announced in his Budget speech: "I have to find the right way to reform capital gains tax to build on the important change made by my predessor three years ago when he introduced the 1982 indexation relief". But since this important change most of us have done nothing but moan about the practical difficulties of actually using the Inland Revenue rules on indexation.

Mr Lawson's Budget measures have certainly made the system more fair and logical. He abolished the 12 months waiting period before gains can be offset against profits. In particular he has helped very long term holders of shares, property and other assets by allowing them to use a March 1982 valuation to establish higher indexation allowances on assets bought before that date. But will investors be any better off at the end of the day?

Mr Michael Koppel, tax partner at accountants Spicer and Pegler, says: "The budget has certainly made the system more logical. But not as Mr Lawson claims, any simpler. Individual investors are probably still going to need professional advice when it comes to sorting out their capital gains tax liabilities.

Indexation of capital gains is a nightmare

"Revaluing assets to take advantage of the new rules may be difficult and expensive."

He is right. It is easy enough to revalue a share portfolio. There are daily published prices. But what about property? Worse still, what about shares in unquoted or family companies? How do you set about revaluing these sort assets as at March, 1982?

Graham Mann, head of the private client department at stockbrokers Grieveson Grant, says: "Capital gains tax is still an imp enetrable jungle for most private investors. They are still going to rely on their accountants or other professional advisers. It is absurd to claim that the budget amendents are simplifying anything. Indexation of capital gains has been a nightmare since 1982, and it is the same situation now".

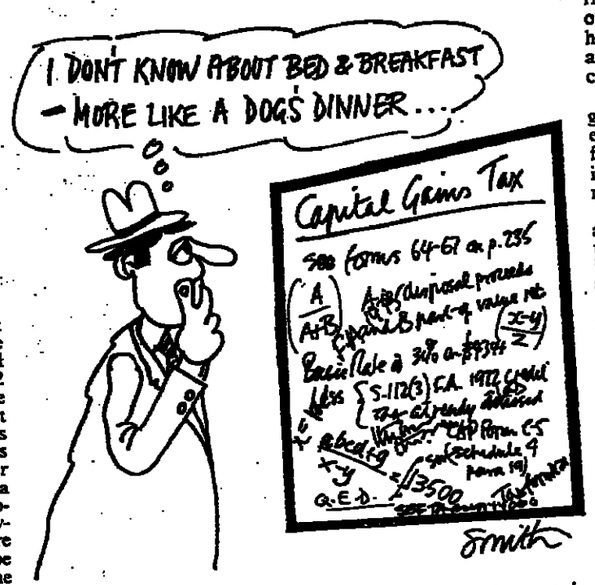
Many small investors, particularly the new shareholding millions who took up British Telecom, will be let off the complicated hook of capital gains tax through the annual exemption.

This has been raised from £5,600 in the current tax year to £5,900 in the 1985/6 tax year. But with two or three years of buoyant stock markets round the world, significant numbers of units trust and shareholders must now have gains tucked away, and despite the annual exemption they could well find themselves up to the ears in mathematics or accountants' fees in order to fill in the part of their tax return.

Logically, index-linking means that tax yields from this source will probably fall as a proportion of revenue over the year. So it seems daft not just to have abolished CGT altogether. Complicated tax rules are no way to encourage wider share ownership.

Abolition of the waiting period will ease chaos

Taking the Budget amendments, the most significant is the new option to revalue assets at March 1982 values in order to determine the indexation allowance. Under the old system if you had, say, bought an asset years ago for £100 which you sold now for £200 you could only index-link for the last two years.



There has been a 14 per cent rise in the retail price index over that period. You would have worked out your indexation allowance on the original cost.

Fourteen per cent of 100 gives you 14. Fourteen plus 100 equals 114. Taking that away from 200 would give you an index-linked profit of 86 (200 minus 114).

There are gains after the new amendment. Instead of using the original cost of 100 you can instead use the market value as at March, 1982. Say this is 150. You calculate 14% of that which gives you 21. You add that to the original cost of 100, making 121. It's the difference between this higher figure of 121 and the 200 sale price, 79, that is regarded as the profit. Well, every little bit helps.

The abolition of the 12 months' waiting period before indexation can apply will also help ease the administrative chaos caused by the identification rule for shares – the almost unbelievably complex method used for calculating which particular parcel of shares matches a sale.

But it is by no means clear that the old pooling system will be restored, nor does it necessarily mean resumption of bed and breakfast deals. It is perfectly possible that the Inland Revenue will retain the rule that shares of the same type bought and sold in the same stock exchange account should be matched. This was what knocked bed and breakfast on the head.

No one will really know what the new identification procedures will be before the Finance Bill is published in its full complexity this summer.

The creation of an indexed loss, on the other hand, seems fairly straightforward. Previously if you bought an asset for 100 and had an indexation allowance of 10 bringing it up to 110 and then sold it for only 105 the "loss" of five could not be used to offset profits elsewhere. Now it can.

Maggie Drummond

MORTGAGES

'90% rule' threatens societies

The Ecology Building Society, formed in 1981 to lend on environmentally benign properties and businesses, will be forced to close if proposals in the Green Paper on building societies become law, its founder and general manager has warned.

Mr David Pedley said that the requirement that at least 90 per cent of the loans would have to be secured on "first mortgages of residential property to individuals who are owner-occupiers of that property" would mean that well over half of his society's loans would have to be financed through just 10 per cent of its assets, currently slightly less than £1 million.

Smallholdings, flats with shops, property for letting (even by housing associations) and housing co-operatives would all fall outside the rigorous definition of "Class 1 assets" under the 90 per cent rule.

"We were set up to lend on unusual properties", Mr Pedley said. "That is what our constitution says, and I don't think we have any option but to close." The Green Paper, *Building Societies: A New Framework*, was published last July, when it was welcomed as a freedom charter that would do away with many traditional constraints.

The paper itself notes, however, that the 90 per cent rule "is in theory somewhat narrower than existing powers, since it excludes lending on non-residential property".

Other small building societies are equally apprehensive. In detailed submissions to the Treasury and to the Building Societies' Association, the Herne Bay society, with assets of £21 million, has called for a wider definition of "residential" to take account of shops with flats, guest houses, old people's homes and the like, provided the owner lives on the premises.

Mr David Kemp, chief executive of the society, notes that the high proportion of retired people in his area means that there are fewer first-time buyers and that many of the properties on which he lends are likely to be "slightly more offbeat".

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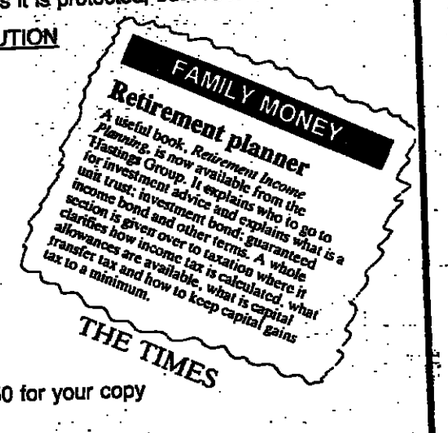
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How salesmen can milk life policies

How much commission does the insurance salesman earn when you sign up for that £1,000 a year policy, £25 or over £900? Believe it or not the second figure is nearer the mark. Richard Thomson reveals just how much of your money goes into the insurance intermediaries' pockets.

How many people buying a life assurance or pension policy know how much it costs them in fees to the salesmen? The answer is almost certainly not many.

Insurance companies and their brokers are not obliged to disclose to clients commission paid on a policy. But if sections in the White Paper on consumer protection concerning commission payments become law, that will all change. And consumers themselves could be in for a shock.

It is a truism that insurance is not bought but has to be sold. This is how insurance companies justify paying high rates of commission to brokers on whom they rely for their business. Though companies are always cagey about revealing figures, it is common for them to pay around 40 to 50 per cent of their total annual new premium income in commissions to brokers.

At the moment there is a free-for-all on commissions in the insurance industry with companies offering intermediaries whatever they can get away with. Although around 80 per cent of companies are members of the Register of Life Assurance Commissions (Rolac), which operates a system of maximum commissions, many are not.

When the White Paper becomes law, Rolac is hoping to become the basis for an industry-wide commission agreement. It is a fiendishly complicated system, but consumers who take the trouble to unravel its complexities will be amazed at how much ends up in the pockets of the salesmen.

For example, the initial commission payable on an annual premium whole life endowment policy is: 2 per cent for each of the first 15 years of the policy, 1.5 per cent for each of the next 10 years and 0.75 per cent each year of the rest of the term.

On a 40-year policy these rates would be equal to 30 per cent, 15 per cent and 11.25 per cent, adding up to 56.25 per cent.

That total is the amount taken out of your first year's premium to pay the broker's commission. In other words, if you pay premiums of £100 a month totalling £1,200 in a year, £675 ends up in the salesman's pocket.

But that is only the beginning. The rates are the most basic available to intermediaries such as tied agents and introducers of business who are not entitled to more. But a non-specialist intermediary (defined by the Rolac code) would be paid 130 per cent of the basic rate, and a specialist registered broker would get up to 152.25 per cent of the basic.



Suppose you buy the 40-year whole life policy from a registered specialist broker. The annual premium is £1,000. His initial commission will be 152.25 per cent of the basic 56.25 per cent rate – that is 85.6 per cent. The amount of initial commission to come out of your premium is £856 of your £1,000.

But not exactly. On this policy there is a maximum commission limit on the first year's premium of 45 per cent, or 68.5 per cent for registered specialist brokers. So in the first year you actually pay £685 in commission, and the remaining £171 of commission is held over to be paid the next year.

In year two, you pay the £171 as well as the policy renewal commission which, for the registered specialist, is 2.5 per cent of the premium every year until the policy matures. Thus total second year commission costs come to £196, with payments in subsequent years falling to £25.

Clients buying some insurance products may well find, if the salesman is prepared to disclose his commission, that the broker's cut is equivalent to virtually their entire first year's premiums. That excludes the renewal commission paid in future years.

What effect will the disclosure of these levels of commission have? "It is hard to tell if it will change the way policies are marketed", said Miss Audrey Head, of Hill Samuel. "But there will surely be an element of people jibbing at such high rates".

A further effect is likely to be that customers will look more carefully at exactly what sort of policy they are being sold before paying a big commission. This is likely to benefit companies with a better performance record. Some, like Equitable Life, which do not use brokers and can show a good performance, are rubbing their hands at the prospect.

"Low expenses help us to produce cheaper and better products," said Mr Mark Daniels, of Equitable.

But even the non-commission paying offices have costs of which the client is almost certainly not aware. Despite its support for disclosure of brokers' commissions, the White Paper still does not suggest that insurance companies should state their full charges as, for example, unit trusts are required to do.

The traditional objection from the companies is that their charging structures are too complicated to explain to clients, although no doubt they would find a solution if they were forced to. Unless the government moves buyers of insurance products look doomed never to know the full cost of their purchase.

Examples of commission paid to insurance intermediaries

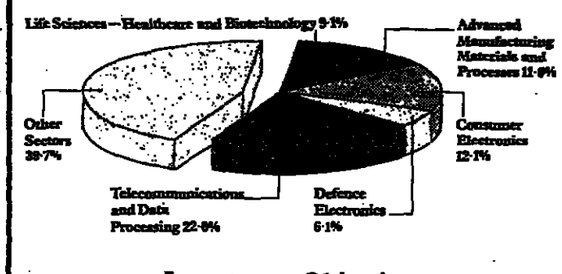
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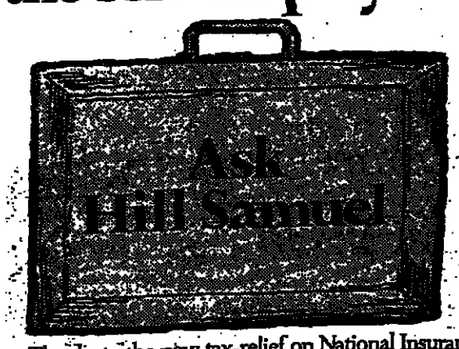
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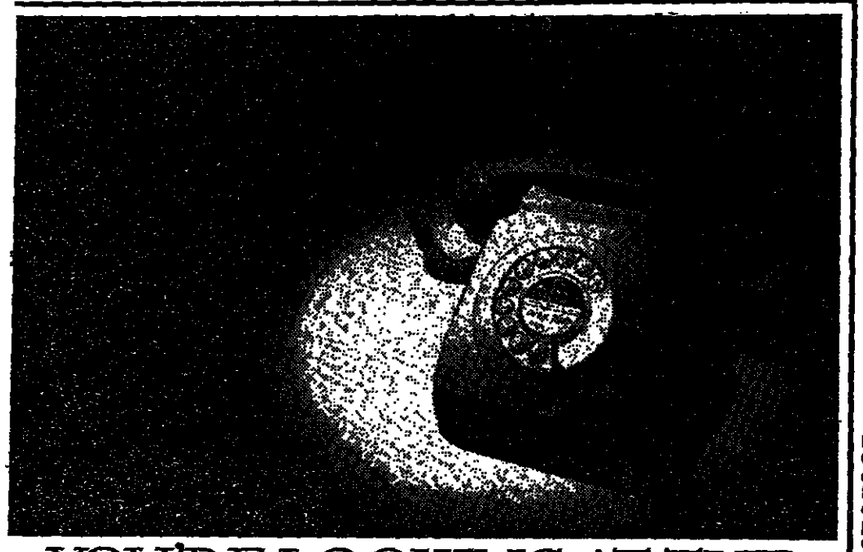
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Richard Thomson

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Law Report March 23 1985

Emotional disturbance is not harm in manslaughter

Regina v Dawson
Regina v Nolan
Regina v Walmsley

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Wood and Sir John Thompson

[Judgment delivered March 14]

An unlawful act that so shocked a victim as to cause *him* physical injury *might* constitute "harm" in the context of the offence of manslaughter. However, emotional disturbance which had been produced by terror did not amount to such "harm".

The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing appeals by Brian Dawson, Stephen Thomas Nolan and Ian Walmsley against their convictions on June 20, 1983 in Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court (Mr Justice Glidewell and a jury) of manslaughter. They had pleaded guilty to, *inter alia*, attempted robbery: their appeals against sentence for those offences were dismissed.

Mr F. J. Muller, QC, and Miss Helen Paling, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants on conviction; Mr John Evans, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant Walmsley on sentence; Mr James Chadwin, QC and Mr Roger Thorn for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that Mr Robert Black, aged 60, worked on night duty as a petrol attendant at a filling station. Since about June 1981 he had suffered from severe ischaemic heart disease: he had had heart attacks and suffered from angina pectoris which was relieved by sucking tablets of nitro glycerine.

On February 8, 1982 he arrived at the filling station at about 10.45 pm, appearing quite normal. At one minute past midnight he pressed an alarm button which had a delayed effect and started to ring just under five minutes later. At 12.15 pm he telephoned the owner of the filling station.

Soon afterwards two police constables arrived and had a short conversation with Mr Black, who suddenly collapsed. He was driven to hospital but was found to be dead on arrival.

On January 11, 1983 the appellant Walmsley approached a police officer and said that he had a confession to make about an armed robbery and another offence which he wanted to get off his chest. He, Dawson and Nolan were interviewed on January 15, and all said that they had attempted to rob Mr Black a short while before (as they afterwards learnt) he died.

One of them, with a balaclava over his face, banged on the counter with the pick-axe handle and demanded money. Another, with a stocking mask, pointed a replica gun at Mr Black. They then saw that Mr Black was pressing a button and they fled.

At the trial two doctors gave evidence that it was their belief that the attempted robbery was responsible for a heart attack and the death of Mr Black, but they could not rule out the possibility of a heart attack having occurred before the attempted robbery.

In their Lordships' experience it had been generally understood that the harm referred to in the second element of the offence of manslaughter (namely, the unlawful act must be one that all sober and reasonable people would realise was likely to cause some, albeit not serious, harm) meant physical harm. However, there seemed to be no sensible reason why shock produced by fright should not come within the definition of harm in that context.

Their Lordships would assume, without deciding the point that harm in the context of manslaughter included injury to the person through the operation of shock emanating from fright.

The judge directed the jury that "if an act puts a person in such terror that he or she may suffer emotional or physical disturbance which is detrimental then that disturbance is harm within the meaning of what you have to consider".

Their Lordships thought it was unfortunate that the judge probably through inadvertence, used the disjunctive "or". The jury were left with a choice, and if they acted upon the basis that emotional disturbance was enough to constitute harm, that would have been upon a misdirection.

Emotional disturbance did not occur to their Lordships as sensibly descriptive of injury or harm to the person through the operation of shock produced by terror or fright, and the word "detrimental" did not assist to clarify the expression "emotional disturbance".

In their Lordships' judgment a proper direction would have been that the requisite harm was caused if the unlawful act so shocked the victim as to cause him physical injury.

In addition, the judge's direction that the jury should consider whether "all reasonable people who knew the facts that you know" would realise that the appellant's acts inevitably created the risk of some harm to Mr Black might have given an erroneous impression of what knowledge they could ascribe to the "sober and reasonable man". He had the same knowledge as the man attempting to rob and no more. It was never suggested that any of those appellants knew that their victim had a bad heart.

The convictions for manslaughter would be quashed as unsafe and unsatisfactory.

Solicitors: Director of Public Prosecutions.

Delay in damages inquiry

Nichols Advanced Vehicle Systems Inc and Others v Rees and Others

Before Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Slade

[Judgment delivered March 18]

The Court of Appeal considered the court's powers dealing with delay in prosecuting proceedings under the terms of a final judgment.

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by the defendants, Mr Alan Rees of the Arrows Racing Team Ltd and others, from the dismissal by Mr Justice Falconer of an appeal against a decision of a master who refused an application to dismiss a claim for damages by the plaintiffs, Nichols Advanced Vehicle Systems Inc and others, for want of prosecution or, alternatively, to stay further proceedings in the action.

Mr Charles Gray, QC, for the defendants; Mr Peter Prescott for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that on July 31, 1978 Mr Justice Templeman gave judgment for the plaintiffs in a copyright action against the defendants and ordered, *inter alia*, an inquiry as to damages: ([1979] RPC 127).

It was not until December that a summons to proceed with the inquiry came before the master. Certain directions were given but for long periods matters were allowed to go to sleep.

In January 1984 the defendants issued a summons to dismiss or stay the action or inquiry for want of prosecution. The master refused the application and his decision was affirmed by the judge, against whose decision the defendants appealed.

The power of the court to deal with post-judgment delay fell under the court's inherent jurisdiction or Order 43, rule 7, of the Rules of the Supreme Court. By the wide discretion under the rule, the court could see to it that an order for an inquiry was brought to a conclusion.

No order under the rule or the inherent jurisdiction could dismiss the judgment, so Mr Justice Templeman's judgment stood. He had found that the defendants were in flagrant breach of copyright and had ordered the inquiry.

What should be done about the delay of four and a half years since the judgment? As the judge found, there was no consumelious conduct on the plaintiffs' part, such that the court should not extend its mercy to the plaintiffs. But in reliance upon *Birkett v James* ([1978] AC 297), the defendants submitted that the plaintiffs' inordinate and inexcusable delay would prejudice them in the conduct of the inquiry, which should therefore be stayed.

The six-year limitation period for the action had not expired and Mr Prescott submitted that the effect of *Birkett v James* was that there should be no stay because if there was the plaintiff could issue fresh proceedings in the action.

In so far as the judge held that delay within the limitation period could not amount to inordinate delay he was in error. Delay in post-judgment proceedings was not governed by the limitation period. In deciding not to stay the proceedings, the court might give some, though not much, weight to the fact that the limitation period had not expired.

Where judgment had been given in an action any attempt to issue new proceedings on the same cause of action would amount to an abuse of the process of court. So the plaintiffs had no right to issue a fresh writ for breach of the copyright. But could they sue on the judgment?

Pritchett v English & Colonial Syndicate ([1899] 2 QB 428) and *Shaw v Allen* ([1914) 30 TLR 631) showed that an action could be brought on the judgment where the ordinary rules of execution were of no avail and further judgment was necessary to enforce the earlier judgment.

In the present case, an inquiry having been ordered, no useful purpose would be served by suing on the judgment for yet another inquiry. Such an action would be an abuse of the process of court.

The final limb of *Birkett v James*, which the judge did not consider, was whether the defendants would be prejudiced by the delay. On the evidence they would not and, for that reason, the appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Slade delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Kingsley, Napley & Co; David Lee & Co.

Time of disposal for gains tax

Lyon (Inspector of Taxes) v Pettigrew

Before Mr Justice Walton

[Judgment delivered March 15]

In ascertaining the time of disposal of assets for capital gains tax purposes, an agreement by a taxicab proprietor to sell vehicles together with their hackney carriage licence plates and which provided that the payment be made by instalments and for ownership of the licences to remain with the proprietor until after receipt of the final payment, did not constitute a conditional contract. The time of disposal of both vehicle and licence was governed by section 24 of the *Capital Gains Tax Act 1979* and was to be the time when the purchaser first obtained the use of the property and not the time when final payment was made.

Mr Justice Walton so held in the Chancery Division allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination by the special commissioners that had discharged an assessment to capital gains tax on Mr William Pettigrew for 1979-80 in a sum of £15,000.

Mr Robert Carnwath for the Crown; Mr Pettigrew did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE WALTON said that in 1979 Mr Pettigrew decided to sell his taxi business. He negotiated agreements to sell six vehicles together with the hackney carriage licences for £6,000 each, the purchase price being paid in each case by 150 weekly instalments of £40. The agreements provided that the "licence shall not be transferred or become the property of the purchaser until payment of all moneys". Additionally those agreements stated that should a purchaser default in paying an instalment the ownership of the vehicle be transferred back to Mr Pettigrew.

Uninstructed in the relevant law it would thus be easy to treat the agreement as severing the licences from the vehicles by transferring ownership of the vehicles immediately to the purchaser but not the ownership of the licences. However, it was clear that the effect of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the decision in *R v Weymouth Borough Council, Ex parte Teletax (Weymouth) Ltd* ([1947] 1 K B 583) was that it was not possible to divorce the licence from the vehicle – both had to go together.

Thus the agreements could not be construed in that way. Either both licence and vehicle passed to the purchaser immediately the agreement was made or the transfer was deferred until final payment was received by Mr Pettigrew.

The commissioners held that the agreements constituted conditional contracts within the meaning of section 27(2) of the 1979 Act, and that no disposal took place until the condition that the last payment be made had been satisfied. That was not until 1982 and so they held that an assessment on him for 1979-80 was inappropriate.

But there were only two types of cases where a contract was conditional: (1) a "subject to contract" contract, and (2) where the whole of the liability under a contract was made conditional on the happening of a certain event: see *Eastham v Leigh London and Provincial Properties Ltd* ([1971] 1 Ch 871).

Section 24 of the Act (albeit sidenoted "Hire-purchase") fitted the facts of the case. Thus the matter was to proceed as if the vehicles together with their licences had been disposed of by Mr Pettigrew in 1979-80, and that the consideration received by him at that time was the full agreed purchase price.

However, by virtue of section 130 of the Act the value of the vehicle had to be stripped out from the £6,000 – astonishingly such value being only some £500, the purchasers being prepared to pay £5,500 for the benefit of the licence. The special commissioners had thus erred in law and the appeal would be allowed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

New single-judge appeal system

***Practice Direction* (Applications to a single Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal)**

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Justice Mustill on March 18, announced that the current system of applications to a single appeal judge of the Court of Appeal would be changed from the Easter term.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that at present single judge applications were heard on Fridays by two nominated Lords Justices. The system suffered from certain drawbacks, in particular, the uneconomic use of judge-power, and it was proposed that, as from the beginning of the Easter term, a new system would be introduced on an experimental basis.

That would involve the following changes to current procedures:

First, upon setting down an application for hearing by a single Lord Justice, the following documents were to be lodged in triplicate: (a) the summons or, where the application was *ex parte*, the notice setting out the nature of the application; (b) the order under appeal; (c) in the case of an application for leave to appeal, the order of the court below refusing such leave; (d) the affidavit in support of the application containing, in the case of an application for leave to appeal, the grounds of the proposed appeal.

Second, a hearing date would no longer be given at the time of setting down. In the case of an *inter partes* application, notice of application should be served on the respondent endorsed "date and time to be notified by the civil appeals office."

Third, any further documents in support of the application must be lodged with the civil appeals general office (Room 246) within 10 days of the date on which the application was set down, after which, unless the court directed that any further documents were to be filed, a hearing date would be fixed.

Fourth, the civil appeals office would notify the applicant and, in the case of *inter partes* applications, the respondent, of the time and date on which the application was to be heard.

Facts not in evidence

Regina v Beaconsfield Justices, Ex parte Johnston and Sons Ltd

An offence contrary to section 1(1) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 was "discovered", for the purpose of the one-year time limit on the bringing of prosecutions imposed by section 19(1) of that Act, when the prosecutor was informed of the facts which constituted the offence; time began to run from that date, even though the prosecution at that time had neither confirmation of the facts alleged nor admissible evidence by which the offence could be proved.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Mr Justice Stuart-Smith) so held on March 6, granting an application by Johnston and Sons Ltd for judicial review by way of an order prohibiting the Beaconsfield Justices from continuing to hear three informations laid against it by the Buckinghamshire County Council, alleging offences under section 1(1) of the 1968 Act.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that there had been no evidence before the court from the justices as to the facts which they had found or their application of them in coming to their decision. Since the material facts had not been in dispute between the parties the court had been able to dispose of the application.

However, it would be of great assistance in future when a ruling by justices was challenged on an application for judicial review by way of prohibition if the court could have before it a statement of the findings of the justices and of their application of those findings in making their ruling.

RUGBY UNION

South Africa included in IB's plans for an inaugural World Cup

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Paris

To the relief of all concerned over the future of the game, the international rugby football board (IB) agreed at their annual meeting which ended yesterday to inaugurate a World Cup competition in 1987. The prospect of a commercial organization endeavouring to stage such a competition has increased rapidly this decade but the board has pre-empted such a possibility by their acceptance of a feasibility study prepared by New Zealand and Australia.

A committee chaired by John Kendall-Carpenter (England) and consisting of Ronnie Dawson (Ireland), Keith Rowlands (Wales), Ross Turnbull (Australia) and a New Zealand nominee has been set up "to control all aspects of the competition". New Zealand and Australia will attend to the detailed planning though all their proposals must be approved by the committee.

The competition (though the board would not say so) will be held in Australia and New Zealand probably in late May and June 1987. Upon the success of the inaugural competition depends its future but, at this stage, there is every reason to assume it will be held at four-year intervals probably hosted by countries who are full members of the IB.

"At this stage no decision has been taken to exclude South Africa". Dr Roger Vanderfield, chairman of the board said. However it would be difficult for South Africa to take up an invitation to Australasia given the opposition of the governments of those two countries to South Africa. Any country would be at liberty to decline an invitation to participate in the World Cup but the competition will at least give those countries outside the IB a chance to measure themselves against those who have traditionally run the game.

Those same countries will also be pleased to know that a form of associate membership of the IB is to be instituted. At the moment they are entirely dependent upon the nearest IB country for the dissemination of knowledge related to the game. Details of the criteria for associate membership (and there is no written criteria for full membership of the board at present confined to eight countries) will be announced at the board's centenary congress in London in April next year.

The board has kept law changes to a minimum but they have amended the tackle law so that it may operate as the board surely intended originally. A tackled player may now "pass or throw the ball or push it along the ground provided it is not in the forward direction and provided that these actions are taken immediately". This precludes the anomaly of a player being brought to one knee, still quite capable of playing the ball yet who under present laws would be penalized for doing so.

The intention is to allow a side to maintain a momentum of an attack. At the same time the board is keen to keep players on their feet as much as possible. Therefore, as an experiment during 1985-86, it has been agreed that the shoulders of the front row at scrums should be no lower than the hips, effectively adopting the scrummage proposals operated for the last two years in schoolboy rugby which have done much to decrease serious injury.

The board's main conclusions in Paris were:

- **A tackled player may play the ball, provided he does so immediately.**
- **A category of associate membership of the IB will be instituted.**
- **Regulations relating to amateurism will be reviewed, any proposals being considered in 1986.**
- **Current resolutions relating to grid-iron football have been rescinded.**
- **Tour allowances are increased from £12 to £14 a day.**
- **Referees at international matches will no longer be assessed but member unions should assess their own referee to ensure the maintenance of standards.**
- **The IB agreed to a World Cup competition in 1987.**
- **Two IB centenary games will be played next year: British Lions v the rest (Cardiff, April 16) and a Five Nations XV v an overseas XV (Twickenham, April 19). The centenary congress will be at Heythrop Park, April 13-17.**
- **Only logos up to six centimetres square will be permitted and no more than one on shirts and one on shorts.**

Gloucester record in jeopardy

By David Hands

Only one of the four John Player Special Cup semi-finalists have yet to appear in a final: London Welsh, who meet Coventry at Coundon Road today while Bath, the holders, play Gloucester at Kingsholm. The other three clubs involved have carved a niche for themselves in the cup's short history, even though it took Bath 13 years to do so.

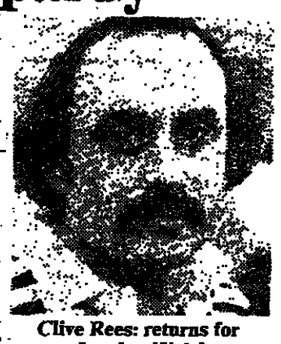
Bath will remain favourites to reach another final even though they are away from home. They are not short of scrummaging ability, nor of ball-winners in the back row, the two areas where Gloucester are traditionally strong.

Gloucester have developed a fresh reputation this season for worthwhile back play, founded upon the introduction of Bob Redwood, a former back himself, as coach, and the development of two useful half backs, Hannaford and Hamlin. But here too Bath are not lacking talent, even without the injured centre, Halliday. All but two of Bath's backs have been capped by England, the exceptions being Rees and Trevaskis. If they play the rugby of which they are capable, it could be an absorbing contest.

Gloucester have not been without their share of problems this week, after minor injuries received during Monday's game with Cheltenham, and they will be without Orwin, their captain, who plays for the RAF against the Army.

Taylor, the centre, leads Gloucester instead in what is their eighth home game in their last nine ties. In their favour is their 20-match unbeaten run at Kingsholm; against is the fact that they lost to Bath when the two sides met in December. But Gloucester appreciate too that only by winning the cup can they be certain of qualifying for the competition next season. For a proud club, it is a powerful incentive.

Harlequins, beaten by Gloucester in the quarter-finals, may unwittingly have done Coventry a favour by beating them last weekend. If Coventry were at all complacent at the prospect of a home tie against the sole remaining London club, they will not be so now. They too have a forward, Travers, to the services game at Twickenham, but are able to restore Malik to the back row instead, though the captaincy remains with Johnson, the stocky prop. Just as they did against Leicester in the last round, they will lean heavily on their powerful pack, upon Kidner getting the better of the Welsh lock, Collins, and starving the London Welsh backs of opportunities.



Clive Rees: returns for London Welsh

Rees, the Welsh captain and former international left wing, returns after missing the quarter-final game with Waterloo but Fouby is missing from the centre. Leleu will partner Ackerman instead in a game won by London Welsh on the two previous occasions the clubs have met in the cup. They may be unfortunate on this occasion.

It is semi-final day in the Schweppes Welsh Cup too, when Cardiff determine whether their lighter approach can dismiss the heavy-handed challenge of Pontypool at Newport while at Swansea, Llanelli and Bridgend, neither in consistent form, contest the other final place.

Cardiff went down at Pontypool Park earlier this month but they have great reserves to draw upon in terms of experience. Phillips, the former Welsh hooker, returns to their ranks

At Kingsholm
GLOUCESTER: T Smith; D Morgan, R Mogg, P Taylor (capt), N Price; M Hamlin, M Hannaford; P Blakeway, K White, R Pascall, J Gadd, D Burn, J Brain, I Smith, M Teague.
BATH: C Martin; D Trick, A Rees, J Palmer, B Trevaskis; J Horton, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Bass, R Lee, R Spurrell (capt), N Redman, N Gaymond, P Simpson, J Hall.
Referee: L Prideaux (North Midlands).

At Coundon Road
COVENTRY: M Fairn; M Summers, C Ralston, T Buttimore, S Hall; M Lakey, S Thomas; L Johnson (capt), S Brain, S Wilkes, M Mellk, A Gulliver, P Kidner, M Trumper, G Robbins.
LONDON WELSH: M Ebsworth; J Hughes, G Llewellyn, R Ackerman; C Rees (capt); C Price, M Douglas; T Jones, B Light, B Bradley, S Russell, E Lewis, J Collins, M Watkins, K Bowring.
Referee: F Howard (Manchester).

Safety-first Scottish tour party

Scotland's selectors have adopted safety-first tactics in choosing their party for a North American tour in May when they play four games in Canada and one in the United States. The Canadians are expected to field 10 of their national side in one match and the Americans 12 of their senior team in their game.

Only eight uncapped players have been selected in the 26-strong party. David Leslie, captain of Scotland, leads the side. Several established players are unavailable, including Roger Baird, Keith Robertson, John Rutherford, Roy Laidlaw, Colin Deans, Gerry McGuinness, Jim Calder and John Beattie.

PARTY: Full backs: P W Dodds (Gala), A G Hastings (Cambridge University). Wingers: P D Steven (Harlot's), I Tukalo (Selkirk). Centres: D I Johnston (Watsonians), K T Murray (Hawick), A V Tait (Kelso), D S Wyllie (Stewart's Melville).
Stand-off halves: C W Gass (Hawick), A B M Ker (Kelso). Scrum halves: R J Hogarth (Kelso), I G Hunter (Selkirk). Props: A K Brewster (Stewart's Melville), I G Milne (Harlequins), N A Rowan (Boroughmuir). Hookers: G J Callender (Kelso), K F Milne (Harlot's FP). Locks: A J Campbell (Hawick FP), H M Parker (Kilmarnock), T J Smith (Gala), A J Tomes (Hawick). Flankers/No 8: J Jeffrey (Kelso), D G Leslie (Gala), S K McGaughey (Hawick), I A M Paxton (Selkirk), D T Turnbull (Hawick).
TOUR DATES: May 8 (v Victoria Island in Victoria). May 11 (v British Columbia in Vancouver). May 14 (Pacific North West in Seattle). May 18 (v Alberta in Edmonton). May 22 (Alberta's President's XV in Calgary).

With Hawick virtually certain to retain their Scottish League title, attention is focused on the six clubs who are in the danger zone (Ian McLauchlan writes). Melrose, the bottom club, who have four fixtures to fulfil, are at full strength today against a weakened Edinburgh Academicals, who have lost much of their early-season momentum.

David Johnston, Scotland's outstanding international centre, makes a timely return to Watsonian colours for their visit to Stewart's Melville. Wylie, who injured an ankle at Twickenham, is unlikely to play.

At New Anniesland two of the relegation-threatened clubs, Glasgow Academicals and West of Scotland, meet in the knowledge that the losing club will surely go down. Both teams show changes. Academicals bring Thomson in at Stand-off half, Lynburn on the left wing and Scobie to tight-head prop. West have Drummond and Freer at stand-off and lock respectively and welcome back McGuinness, the prop forward, from international duty.

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION FIXTURES

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP
Semi-finals
Coventry v London Welsh
Gloucester v Bath

SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP
Semi-finals
Bridgend v Llanelli (at St Helens)
Cardiff v Pontypool (at Newport)

CLUB MATCHES
Aberdllery v Cross Keys
Birkenhead Pk v Nuneaton
Birmingham v Cheltenham
Blackheath v Bedford
Bristol v Rosslyn Park
Broughton Park v St Helens
Camborne v Weston-s-Mare
Exeter v Plymouth Albion
Fylde v Middlesbrough
Gosforth v Otley
Huddersfield v Hartlepool Rovers
Liverpool v Nottingham
London Scottish v Moseley
Metro Police v South Wales Police
Morley v Bradford & Bingley
Neath v Newport
Newbridge v Aberavon
New Brighton v Headingley
Orrell v Wasps
Pontypridd v London Irish
Richmond v Ebbw Vale (4.15)
Roundway v West Hartlepool
Rugby v Preston Grasshoppers
Sale v Leicester
Saracens v Harlequins
Vale of Lune v Sheffield
Wakefield v Northern
Waterloo v Northampton

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Edinburgh Acads v Melrose; Glasgow Acads v West of Scotland; Heriot's FP v Boroughmuir; Kelso v Ayr; Stewart's/Mel FP v Watsonians.

INTER-SERVICES TOURNAMENT: The Army v RAF (at Twickenham).
BASS MERIT TABLE: Stroud v Bridgwater; Clifton v St Ives.
DEVON MERIT TABLE: Newton Abbot v Bideford; Exeter Saracens v Cullompton.
EASTERN COUNTIES CUP: Semi-finals: North Walsham v Ipswich; Southend v Old Carusbrians.
LOMBARD SHIPPING SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Streatham-Croydon v US Portsmouth; Upper Clapton v Askeans.
BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Havant v Henley.
MERITS MERIT TABLE: Barnet v Harpenden; Old Albanians v Bishop's Stortford; Welwyn v Fullerians.
RADIO KENT MERIT TABLE: Westcombe Park v Tonbridge.
SUSSEX MERIT TABLE: Table A: Sussex Police v Horsham. Table B: Uckfield v Eastbourne.

TOMORROW
BRITVIC BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CUP: Final: Marlow v Bletchley (Marlow RFC 3.00).
MIDDLESEX CUP: Final: Rosslyn Park v West London Institute (Rosslyn Park 3.00).
WHITBREAD PREMLINS KENT CUP: Final: Blackheath v Askeans (at Sidcup RFC, 3.00).

● Gloucestershire, Somerset and Cornwall have agreed to play county fixtures in midweek under floodlights for the first time in the history of the south west championship next season. Devon have not yet agreed to the new arrangements but are expected to follow suit.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Defence will be best form of attack

By Keith Macklin

Those looking for a high scoring spectacular in today's Hull Kingston Rovers v Wigan first semi-final of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup are likely to be disappointed. Those expecting a fierce and unrelenting battle between two hard tackling sides, with the occasional explosion of incisive attack, are likely to be rewarded, particularly as the Elland Road ground could be heavy after prolonged rain.

The joint coach at Wigan Colin Clarke, who shares the role with Alan McInnes, indicated as much yesterday. He reiterated that Brian Juliff had been given the right wing position in preference to Colin Whitfield because "Brian is the stronger tackler, and semi-finals are won by the team that makes fewer mistakes in defence". Wigan may derive a small psychological advantage from the fact that they have this season completed a double over Rovers in championship games, beating them with a last minute try in a recent thriller at Central Park.

Roger Millward, the Rovers' coach, was expecting his full back, George Fairbairn, and Gavin Miller, the Australian forward, to shake off influenza and was wrestling with the problem of choosing between the Great Britain international Paul Harkin or the New Zealander Gordon Smith at scrum half.

Wigan will have a considerable edge in support, with between 18,000 and 20,000 expected to roar them on against the estimated 6,000 travelling from East Hull.

Army expect more from their artillery

By Peter Marson

Fortified by their recent victory against the Royal Navy, th Army advance on Twickenham this afternoon to train their sights on the Royal Air Force, holders of the Windsor Life Challenge Cup, in the second of the inter-service tournament matches.

Efficiency in defence has top priority. The smallest lapse here might allow the place-kickers to ensure success. The Army failed to appreciate this point against the Navy, when only one out of six salvoes from Steele amd McKay was successful.

The presence of one English ace in the pack (Orwin) and another at back (Underwood) has helped the Air Force field a better balanced team than for some years past. They will have been encouraged by four successes in their last five outings and the knowledge that they possess the necessary strength – Cairns from longer distances – to kick their goals.



Vodka and ice with a dash of Scots spirit in the shape of John Clark

Coming down the mountain to test the Dimino effect

Melissa Dimino was just a slim ordinary sort of waitress from California . . . until the day she skied down a French mountain at 134.75 mph last year to become the fastest women on earth independent of mechanical assistance. Speed skiing she says becomes addictive. It is easy to believe her.

If nothing else, it is a more cute way to earn £10,000 a year than being a waitress: always assuming, of course, that you can cope with the numbing fear of launching yourself down seemingly suicidal slopes. Miss Dimino enjoys it, and cannot for the present think of doing anything else. Prior to her first race a couple of years ago she had never skied competitively at any discipline. "The fitness is more mental than physical."

So for the past two days she and 50 other competitors have been waiting for the Scotch mist to clear on the top of Glas Maol at Glenshee to start the Smirnoff Flying Kilometre, the first ever World Cup skiing event in Scotland. It is undoubtedly an enthusiasts' sport: in swirling cloud the racers were up there packing down a fresh snowfall on the run which drops more acutely than any downhill. With a late start and difficult conditions, times were yesterday not exceptional.

Yet Franz Weber, the six times world champion who has dominated speed skiing for the last four years, thinks that Glenshee could be a really fast course in fine weather. A former Austrian junior downhiller with Wairather and Wirnsberger, he quit skiing to go to university in Geneva and became the European skateboard champion of 1977.

It was almost by accident that he became hooked on speed skiing in Switzerland. With his current world record of 129.82 mph he is one of the handful of skiers to have achieved that rare sensation of skiing on a permanent air cushion, which is reached at around 125.

"It's a marvellous feeling as the violent vibrations go and it suddenly becomes smooth" he says. "You are, in effect, airborne, and the smallest turn of your streamlined helmet can alter your direction like the tailfin of an aeroplane".

With acceleration of Concorde proportions, seven seconds to 120 mph that is hardly an exaggeration, but it is only in recent years that the sport has, so to speak, gathered momentum. In 1979, shortly after Steve McKinney, elder brother of the current US alpiniste Tamara, had become the first to break the 200 kph barrier (124 mph), speed skiing was withdrawn as an official event of the international federation FIS because it was thought too dangerous. A professional group, International Speed Skiing, was formed: since when there have been no deaths.

First hang-gliding permit from Tibet

McKinney is at Braemar this week, more for recreation than prizemoney, before he prepares for another of the more eccentric sport ventures. A previous leader of Himalayan expeditions, he has the first hang-gliding permit granted by Tibet for the north face of Everest. "It's just about the only first reaining on Everest", he says. "The north face has this wonderful ridge, and I had the idea the last time I was there and a condor was planing right past my tent. We shall spiral down on one of the world's oldest civilizations!"

Weber, with some 15 sponsorships, earns around £200,000 a year including prizemoney, not to mention the free loan of a symbolic Porsche wherever he happens to be skiing. They drove one up here for him from London. If he is the only man making such money, few would doubt he deserved it. In 1983 at Les Arcs he crashed at 125mph.

He skidded half a mile, fractured a kneecap, had 30 per cent friction burns, and could not feel his hands for a fortnight having tried to brake his fall – without gloves. "I had thought gloves reduced my speed, but not any more. The important thing was to get back on the slopes. Four weeks later I competed at Silverton in Colorado. I was so anxious I couldn't talk, but I managed to have a sleep in a tent while I waited to start at 14,600 feet -h and broke the record."

John Clark, who has the British record at 121 mph, is a former international downhiller who coaches the British women's alpine team. In his first race in borrowed gear two years ago he reached 113, and was invited to join Weber in the Smirnoff team.

"The difference from downhill is the intensity," say the young Scot. "It's the longest 20 seconds you can ever experience, your perception of time changes, there is so much to do". Like Miss Dimino, he thinks the mental factor is critical: She crashed at the end of her record run and realised afterwards that her concentration had excluded the run-out following the time zone. "It taught me so much," she says.

Clark thinks that the sport's appeal is that the speeds are simpler to understand than the split seconds by which Alpine competitions are measured. "The more you're in trouble, the more you must attack the line, you have to know at the start exactly what you're going to do. I'm looking forward to reaching the smooth phase".

Before the violent vibrations begin at about 115, the competitor has to lock into a stable crouch, hands held together in front knee bent inwards so that the skis are on the inside edge. It has to be a natural sequence, Clark says. "I never have thought of fear once I start." Weber said "When I finish the elation is so great that sometimes I am crying."

David Miller

TENNIS

Nystrom wakens up as Sweden sleeps

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Rotterdam

Joakim Nystrom, aged 22, has saved Sweden's blushes. Mats Wilander, Anders Jarryd and Stefan Edberg all missed their appointments with the semi-finals here. Nystrom had no such appointments with the semi-finals here. Nystrom had no such appointment but has turned up, anyway. He saved two match points before beating Pat Cash 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 in two hours and 20 minutes in a spectacular and eventually thrilling match yesterday.

Nystrom looks so lethargic, even sleepy, that one half expects to see a ball boy taking an arm to help him back to the baseline after change-overs. Under pressure, Nystrom missed the mark with a lot of passing shots in the first set. Then he found his range and it was anybody's match.

When it ended, the pairings for the semi-finals were John Sadri of Tomas Smid v Jakob Hlasek and Nyström v Boris Becker or Miloslav Mecier. Hlasek, aged 20, replaced John McEnroe in the draw and made the most of an easy run. Born in Czechslovakia, Hlasek has spent most of his life in Switzerland. An all-round sportsman, he gave up football and ice hockey in turn because in tennis there was less risk of injury.

Becker, aged 17, and Mecir, aged 20, are just as clearly on the up. Mecir beat Nyström and Jimmy Conners on his way to the Philadelphia final and his victims here included Jarryd.

The liveliest doubles team here are Vitas Gerulaitus and Paul McNamee, who have both won grand slam championships. Each celebrated his 30th birthday last year but they remain restlessly fidgety, continually twitching with nervous energy.

McNamee, who is on the board of directors of the Association of Tennis Professionals, is displeased with the grand prix designation system, which is almost equivalent to direction of labour. "One of the practical reasons for it", he said yesterday, "is to get players to compete that normally they wouldn't want to go to. Certain tournaments - this is not one of them are unpopular with the players but use the designation system to get better fields.

"Tournaments with this artificial protection are holding the game to ransom. But this has nothing to do with Rotterdam. The council have set up a restrictive system. They are not in tune with the mentality of the players. Sooner or later the players are going to want more influence on the grand prix. But the ATP has not shown itself to have much clout. We have so little controlling influence on the future of the game that I doubt whether it is worthwhile running again for the board."

McNamee was more optimistic when discussing the disquiet caused by this year's clash of four European super series tournaments (the highest classification except for grand slam championship) with similar events in the US.

"The sorry of the year" he said. "is how strong the fields are when there are two series tournaments on different surfaces in different continents the same week. There is a natural split between hard-court and clay-court players. In a free system all the guys are going to play it its attractive for them. Results, page 24

ATHLETICS

Mamede off colour

Lisbon (AFP) – Fernando Mamede, whose biggest failure in a long history of disasters came when he ran off the Coliseum track in Los Angeles last summer halfway through the Olympic 10,000 metres final, is determined to make amends here in tomorrow's world cross-country championships.

Mamede went into the Olympics with the 10,000m world record but once again he confounded all expectations. In 14 years of international competition he has failed to win a major title. His sports shop was smeared with paint after his Los Angeles failure, an experience thrown into even greater contrast by the success and adulation achieved by his compatriot, Carlos Lopes.

Last year Lopes, a goat herder turned bank clerk, triumphed in the Olympic marathon at the age of 37 and also won the world cross-country title for the second time, in New York. He had previously won in 1976, the year he finished second to Lasse Viren of Finland in the Olympic 10,000m final.

Mamede has, once again, looked very strong in cross-country races in Europe this winter and he desperately wants to redeem himself



Mamede: nerves

Portugal, with Mamede, Lopez, Antonio Leitao, the Olympic 5,000 bronze winner, and Ezequiel Canario, an impressive winner in Paris recently, start favourites to win the team title and put an end to Ethiopia's run of four successive victories. Portugal's sudden rise in distance running – they were third last year – should enable them to wipe out memories of the last time the championship, which had not yet been given the status of a world title, was held here in 1959. They finished eighth – last but one.

A group of anti-apartheid protesters were reported to have arrived here from Britain with the intention of disrupting the race, in which Zola Budd is one of the favourites. The English team, which flew in last night, was given a special police escort.

The International Amateur Athletics Federation is paying all accommodation and half the travel costs of the 54 competing countries, which might lead to greater pressure on England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to combine and send a Great Britain team in the future, as they do in the Olympics.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL AND OTHER FIXTURES

First division
Coventry City v Watford
Everton v Arsenal
Ipswich Town v Newcastle United
Leicester City v West Ham United
Luton Town v QPR
Manchester United v Aston Villa
Stoke City v Nottingham Forest
Tottenham v Southampton
West Bromwich v Liverpool

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Aston Villa (2.0)
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal v Portsmouth; Southampton v Oxford United; Swansea City v Tottenham Hotspur; Watford v Chelsea; West Ham United v Swindon Town (2.0), postponed: Crystal Palace v Brighton.
SWINDON IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Glenavon; Ballymena v Glentoran; Carrick Rangers v Distillery; Crusaders v Larne; Linfield v Bangor; Newry Town v Coleraine; Portadown v Cliftonville.
GOLA LEAGUE: Altrincham v Enfield; Barrow v Barnet; Dagenham v Kettering; Dartford v Northwich; Frickley v Yeovil; Gateshead v Bath; Nuneaton v Boston United; Runcorn v Worcester; Scarborough v Maidstone; Telford v Kidderminster; Weaklstone v Weymouth.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City v Workington; Horwich v Gainsborough; Macclesfield v Matlock; Morecambe v Goole; Mossley v Grantham; Oswestry v Buxton; Stafford v Chorley; Witton v Hyde; Worksop v Southport.
FA VASE: Semi-finals first leg: Exmouth v Fleetwood; Wisbech v Halesowen.
OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Morris Motors v Thame.
SEDGWOW/ARD JOTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billericay v Wycombe; Bishop's Stortford v Harrow; Epsom and Ewell v Wokingham; Harlow v Bognor Regis; Hayes v Leytonstone and Ilford; Hitchin v Croydon; Slough v Carshalton; Sutton United v Dulwich Hamlet; Tooting and Mitcham v Hendon; Windsor and Eton v Walthamstow; Worthing v Barking. First division: Aveley v Hertford; Boreham Wood v Hornchurch; Bromley v Wembley; Chesham v Kingstonian; Clapton v Woking; Farnborough v Oxford City; Hampton v Metropolitan Police; Leatherhead v Basildon; St Albans v Maidenhead; Staines v Walton and Hersham; Tilbury v Lewis. Second division north: Barton v Saffron Walden; Berkhamsted v Epping; Finchley v Chesham; Harefield v Heybridge; Haringey v Tring; Hemel Hempstead v Ware; Kingsbury v Leyton Wingate; Marlow v Leyton Wingate; Marlow v Rayners; Stevenage v Cheshunt. Div 2 Peter; Wolverton v Flackwell Heath. Second division south: Banstead v Dorking; Bracknell v Horsham; Grays v Whyteleafe; Hungerford v Molesey; Petersfield v Fairham; Ruislip Manor v Newbury; Southall v Egham; Uxbridge v Eastbourne United.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: AP Leamington v Folkestone and Shepway; Alvechurch v Witney; Bedworth v Willenhall; Chelmsford v Corby; Cheltenham v Welling; Cirencester v Trowbridge; Gravesend and Northfleet v Fisher; Hastings United v Shepshed Charterhouse; Kings Lynn v Fareham; RS Southampton v Gloucester. Midland division: Banbury v Moor Green; Bridgnorth v Rushden; Coventry Sporting v VS Rugby; Dudley v Aylesbury; Merthyr Tydfil v Kettering Town; Solihull v Bromsgrove; Wellingboro v Leicester United. Southern division: Addlestone and Weybridge v Cambridge City; Ashford v Tonbridge; Basingstoke v Poole; Canterbury v Thanet; Chatham v Dover; Dunstable v Wicodford; Erith and Belvedere v Waterlooville; Gosport Borough v Shepper; Hillingdon v Andover; Salisbury v Dorchester.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Cup, fourth round replay: Dronfield v Guiseley. Fifth round replay: Denaby v Alfreton. Premier division: Appleby Frodingham v Thackley; Arnold v Mexborough; Belper v Heanor; Bentley Victoria v Guisborough; Bridlington v Emley; Pontefract v Boston; Spalding v Ilkeston.
UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ampthill v Arlesey; Brackley v Raunds; Bourne v Irthlingboro; St Neots v Buckingham; Stotold v Desborough; S and L Corby v Stamford; Newport Pagnell v Holbeach. League Cup: (2.30): Potton v Baldock; Wootton v Long Buckby.
GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Frome; Bristol Manor Farm v Dawlish; Cheltenham v Barnstaple; Devizes v Weston-super-Mare; Liskeard v Mangotsfield; Melksham v Saltash; Minehead v Clevedon; Paulton v Glendower; Plymouth Reserves v Chippenham; Shepton Mallet v Taunton.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: League Cup: semi-final: Radlett v Yeading. Premier division: Amersham v Waltham Abbey; Bromsdown v Beaconsfield; BROB Barnet v Burnham; Collier Row v Northwood; Corinthian-Casuals v Beckton (2.30); Edgware v Pennant; Swanley Town v Hanwell; Thatcham v Danson.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division cup: Second round (2.30): Almondsbury Greenway v Bicester. Premier division: Abingdon v Clanfield; Didcot v Wallingford; Fairford v Abingdon; Raynars Lane v Shortwood; Supermarine v Maidenhead; Wantage v Moreton.
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: League Cup: Third round: Arundel v Hastings Town; Storrington v Steyning. Third round replay: Three Bridges v Shoreham. First division: Burgess Hill v Horsham YMCA; Eastbourne Town v Wick; Hailsham v Midhurst and Easthourne; Lancing v Ringmer; Littlehampton v Whitehawk; Portfield v Peacehaven and Telscombe.
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: League Cup: Semi-finals, first round: Bowers v Maldon Town; East Thurrock v Chelmsford Reserves. Harry Fisher Cup: Semi-finals: Sawbridgeworth v Halstead; Stansted v Coggeshall. League: Brightlingsea v Brentwood; East Ham v Witham; Ford v Eton Manor; Wivenhoe v Canvey Island.
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ash v Godalming; Farleigh v Horley; Fleet v Virginia Water; Frimley Green v B/Ae; Hartley Witney v Farnham; Malden Town v Cranleigh; Malden Vale v Cove; Southwick v Cobham; Westfield v Merstham.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Braintree v Harwich; Bury v Sowmarket; Chatteris v Thetford; Felixstowe v Brantham; Gorleston v Ely; Yarmouth v March; Heston v Clacton; Soham v Tiptree.
SUFFOLK SENIOR CUP: Newmarket v Lowestoft.
ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Semi-final (2.30): Malvernians v Lancing Old Boys.
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aldenhamians v Foresters; Brentwoods v Chigwellians; Wesminsters v Carthusians. First division: Ardinians v Etonians; Bradfieldians v Saloplans; Citizens v Reptonians; Wellingtonians v Wykehamists.

Second division
Barnsley v Crystal Palace
Birmingham City v Brighton
Carlisle United v Wimbledon
Huddersfield Town v Fulham
Notts County v Wolverhampton
Oldham Athletic v Grimsby Town
Oxford United v Manchester City
Portsmouth v Cardiff City
Sheffield United v Leeds United
Shrewsbury Town v Blackburn Rovers

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COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ash v Godalming; Farleigh v Horley; Fleet v Virginia Water; Frimley Green v B/Ae; Hartley Witney v Farnham; Malden Town v Cranleigh; Malden Vale v Cove; Southwick v Cobham; Westfield v Merstham.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Braintree v Harwich; Bury v Sowmarket; Chatteris v Thetford; Felixstowe v Brantham; Gorleston v Ely; Yarmouth v March; Heston v Clacton; Soham v Tiptree.
SUFFOLK SENIOR CUP: Newmarket v Lowestoft.
ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Semi-final (2.30): Malvernians v Lancing Old Boys.
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aldenhamians v Foresters; Brentwoods v Chigwellians; Wesminsters v Carthusians. First division: Ardinians v Etonians; Bradfieldians v Saloplans; Citizens v Reptonians; Wellingtonians v Wykehamists.

Third division
Bolton Wanderers v Reading
Bradford City v Brentford
Bristol City v York City
Burnley v Bournemouth
Derby County v Bristol Rovers
Hull City v Plymouth Argyle
Millwall v Gillingham
Newport County v Wigan Athletic
Orient v Swansea City
Preston North End v Lincoln City
Rotherham United v Doncaster Rovers
Walsall v Cambridge United

Fourth division
Aldershot v Blackpool
Darlington v Chesterfield
Exeter City v Colchester United
Hartlepool United v Tranmere Rovers
Mansfield Town v Hereford United
Peterborough v Swindon Town
Rochdale v Stockport County
Southend United v Bury
Wrexham v Torquay United

RUGBY LEAGUE
SILK CUT CUP: Semi-final: Hull Kingston Rovers v Wigan (at Elland Road, Leeds, 2.15

SPEEDWAY
BRITISH LEAGUE: League Cup: Halifax v Wolverhampton; Swindon v Cradley Heath; Coventry v Oxford; King's Lynn v Reading.

ICE HOCKEY
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fife Flyers v Murrayfield Racers (7.0); Nottingham Panthers v Ayr Bruins (6.30); Southampton Vikings v Cleveland Bombers (at Oxford, 5.0). First division: Blackpool Seagulls v Altrincham Aces (7.0); Glasgow Dynamos v Lee Valley Lions (6.0)

Scottish premier division
Dumbarton v Hearts
Dundee United v St Mirren
Hibernian v Aberdeen
Morton v Celtic
Rangers v Dundee

Scottish first division
Airdrieonians v Meadowbank
Clyde v Motherwell
Clydebank v Partick Thistle
East Fife v Falkirk
Hamilton v Ayr United
Kilmarnock v Forfar Athletic
St Johnstone v Brechin City

Scottish second division
Berwick v Queen of South
Cowdenbeath v Arbroath
Dunfermline v Stenhousemuir
East Stirling v Queen's Park
Montrose v Alloa Athletic
Stirling Albion v Albion Rovers
Stranraer v Raith Rovers

OTHER SPORTS
BADMINTON: Yonex All-England open championships (at Wembley Arena).
BOWLS: Prudential national women's indoor championships (at Hartlepool).
CROSS-COUNTRY: English Schools Mile boys' and girls' championships (at Norwich).
DIVING: SCASA championships (at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre).
GOLF: Oxford University v Cambridge University (at Rye GC).
RACKETS: Public Schools doubles (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
REAL TENNIS: George Wimpey amateur singles (at Queen's Club, West Kensington.
SNOOKER: Guinness World Cup (at Bournemouth International Centre).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL
Milk Cup final
Norwich City v Sunderland
(at Wembley, 2.30)
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Rhyl v Marine (11.30); South Liverpool v Matlock (11.30).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Hastings United v Trowbridge (11.00).
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aldenhamians v Cholmeleians (10.30); Foresters v Chigwellians (11.00).

RUGBY LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone Rovers v Widnes (3.30); Hunslet v Oldham (3.30); Leigh v Halifax (3.30); Warrington v Castleford (3.00); Workington Town v Leeds (2.30).
SECOND DIVISION: Bramley v Swinton (3.30); Bridgend v Batley (3.00); Carlisle v Sheffield Eagles (3.00); Fulham v Runcorn Highfield (3.00); Keighley v Dewsbury (3.15); Salford v Wakefield Trinity (3.00); Southend Invicta v Whitehaven (11.00); York v Huddersfield (11.00).

ICE HOCKEY
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Durham Wasps v Ayr Bruins (6.30); Murrayfield Racers v Whitley Warriors (6.30); Southampton Vikings v Solihull Barons (6.30); Peterborough Pirates v Crowtree Chiefs (6.30).

VOLLEYBALL
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Coventry Riga v Speedwell II (12.30); Radio Trent Rockets v Weymouth Rembrandt (1.30); Bradford Myrobreakers v RAF Herriers (1.00); Newcastle (Staffs) v Roundwood (1.30).

LACROSSE
SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Chipstead v London University.
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH: Southern Counties v Cheshire (at Eastway Sports Centre, Leyton); Yorkshire v Lancashire (Sheffield University, 2.0).

HOCKEY
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Final (Wilsedon Stadium, 2.30): Middlesex or Hertfordshire v Worcestershire or Cambridgeshire.
ATARI LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Southgate v Blackheath.
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford v Ford; Broxbourne v Grasshoppers.

TRUMAN SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: ETESSA v Walton; Fareham v Canterbury; Trojans v Indian Gymkhana; Tunbridge Wells v East Grinstead. Hampshire/Surrey; Woking v And

FOOTBALL: LIVERPOOL UNWITTINGLY DO THEIR MERSEYSIDE RIVALS A FAVOUR IN EUROPE

Everton's belated advantage

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Everton, preparing to step out of Liverpool's shadow at home, were yesterday offered the chance to walk with their neighbours towards glory abroad. Both Merseyside clubs were drawn at home in the first leg of their European semi-finals but, avoid congestion in the city on April 10, Everton are to start away.

That is an advantage that could be signficant. Everton, who have never before reached such heights, are paired with Bayern Munich. The Bundesliga leaders and favourites to win the Cup Winners' Cup itself are a collection of experienced internationals such as Pfaff, Belgium's goalkeeper, Lerby, of Denmark, and Augenthaler, Michael Dremmler, Rummenigge and Matthaus, of West Germany.

Although Everton started with embarrassing discomfort against University College, Dublin, they have since shown substantial improvement in knocking out Inter Bratislava 4-0 and Fortuna Sittard 5-0. They have yet to concede a goal in the competition but Howard Kendall laced his optimism with the admission that "Bayern were the strongest opponents in our group".

His fear echoed more loudly in Bayern's reaction. Their coach, Udo Lattek, said that "we would have much preferred to play at Goodison Park first". Their captain, Augenthaler, commented: "My god, that is the hardest draw. We find it very difficult to deal with English teams because they exert such tremendous pressure at home".

He remembers their defeats by Aston Villa in the 1982 European Cup final and by Tottenham Hotspur in last season's UEFA Cup. Matthaus a midfield player whose talent is enclosed within a small frome, said: "This doesn't satisfy me at all. I would rather meet them on neutral ground in the final".

The foundation of Bayern's progress has been laid in the Olympic stadium where they have staged the first legs of each of their three ties. They beat Moss 4-1, Trakia Provdiv 4-1 and Roma 2-0. Their lone convincing away performance took place last Wednesday night in another Olympic arena, in Rome.

That was also the setting of Liverpool's last European Cup triumph and they are now favoured to win the trophy for the fifth time. The odds on Panarhinaikos, who reached the final 14 years ago and were beaten by Ajax at Wembley, are 25-1.

After struggling to beat Linfield 2-1 at home, they were 3-0 down at Windsor Park with scarcely 20 minutes left. They drew 3-3 and their other victims, Feyenoord and Göteborg, were dismissed by equally slim margins. The club that is two points adrift of the leaders in Greece is clearly the weakest of the quarter.

Panathinaikos must beware of three strikers who have already made their mark in Europe. Wark scored against Lech Pozan, Rush equalled that feat against Benfica and Walsh would have done so had he not missed a penalty against Austria Vienna. Similar damage might collectively have been inflicated before they play in front of 80,000 spectators in Athens. Liverpool are expected to meet Juventus in the final in Brussels on May 29. If so, they will be looking for revenge. The Italians, who face a Bordeaux side that includes four members of the French team that won the recent European championships, beat them 2-0 in the Super Cup earlier this season.

Semi-final draws

EUROPEAN CUP
Liverpool v Panathinaikos
Juventus v Bordeaux.

CUP WINNERS' CUP
Bayern Munich v Everton
Rapid Vienna v Dynamo Moscow.

UEFA CUP
Inter-Milan v Real Madrid
Videoton v Zeljeznicar

● *Matches to be played on a home and away basis on April 10 and 24.*

Ashurst may sing no more about those heartaches by the score

By Clive White

If the two managers, Len Ashurst and Ken Brown, were to take the field, in tomorrow's Milk Cup final, the performance of Ashurst might be enough to tip the scales in Sunderland's favour. Ashurst's reasons for wanting to win would appear to go deeper than the Norwich City manager's.

Ashurst nurses a brooding determination to prove himself that might be misinterpreted, particularly by southerners, as a chip on the shoulder. The Liverpool-born Ashurst has had more than his share of disillusionment and disappointment, beginning with his rejection as an England youth player in his home town.

Even in Sunderland, where he moved to as a player at the age of 18, there was a history of second-class success. The very season he joined them they were relegated to the second division, where he spent six of his 11 playing seasons with the club. He developed into a constructive fullback and played once for England under-23s. Despite his promise, his international career went no further.

There were several narrow failures by him and Sunderland to claw their way out of the second division before they finally did behind Leeds United in 1963-64.

In the first division there were still no medals or trophies for Ashurst, though he played over 400 league games for the club. His career went full circle when he left them in 1969, the season in which they were relegated back to the second division. He then joined Hatlepool United first as a player and then as manager a few year after Brian Clough.

His efforts there and later at Gillingham in difficult circumstances earned him a "promotion" to Sheffield Wednesday, where his ambition to reach the top flight received another rebuff. They had wanted him to clear out the cobwebs, whichhe did, but they became impatient for success and sacked him after two years.



Ashurst: determined

Such moments certainly test a man's faith in his fellow humans, but the blow at Sheffield has been tempered by the continued interest shown in his career by Bert McGhee, the Wednesday chairman. "In all my following jobs he has written to me to wish me well", Ashurst said. His faith in his fellow men has also been bolstered in recent weeks by the letters of good luck he has received from the supporters of Wednesday and Newport County.

His faith had been tested even more severely at Newport. They were on the edge of extinction when he joined them but he dragged them up into the third division and guided them to their first success in the Welsh Cup in 93 years. It earned them, rather quaintly, qualification for Europe.

But as far as Ashurst was concerned it was no joke. Before long the tittering turned to tumultuous applause as Newport fought their way through to the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup before losing 1-0 at home to Carl Zeiss Jena after drawing 2-2 in East Germany. Eighteen months later the "miracle" was forgotten and Ashurst was sacked. "It hurt me more than it did at Sheffield", he said.

Ashurst had stuck, perhaps, too laudably to his principles, having rejected advances by Sunderland while at Newport because he was under contract. Fortunately for Ashurst, Sunderland were not deterred and brought him back to Roker Park a year ago this month from Cardiff City, whom Ashurst had also helped gain promotion to the second division.

Despite all his deserving successes this season in the Milk Cup, life has taught him to be a realist and it is interesting to note that home is still in Newport. But all the heartaches over the years, not forgetting the inevitable envy of watching Sunderland win the FA Cup a few years after he had left them, would fade insignificantly into the past if tomorrow Ashurst's men outperformed Brown's on the turf of Wembley.

Brown puts trust in old faithfuls

By Stuart Jones

Norwich City and Sunderland must tap the nation on the shoulder and remind the public that less glamourous clubs can be entertaining. So many tickets for tomorrow's Milk Cup final have been returned by other clubs that Wembley will be filled only with their own supporters.

The occasion, the silver jubilee of the competition, is to be televised live and Ken Brown, Norwich's manager, recognises that "not many people outside the two areas will give a damn. But I bet they watch it and they will be convinced that the likes of us have something to offer the game.

"The big boys cannot do without the rest of us. The Liverpool's and Manchester United's of this world would get heartily sick of playing each other if a super league was formed. We may be two of the more unfashionable sides but we are both there on merit".

Norwich have lost two dreary finals, to Tottenham Hotspur in 1973 and Aston Villa in 1975, both by a lone goal. Brown, who collected two winner's medals at Wembley with West Ham United two decades ago, is aware that teams and particularly youngsters can be "frozen by nerves".

He is relying on his more experienced representatives such as the 36-year-old Channon, Deehan, Woods and possibly Hartford "to settle us down". Hartford, who has won a final with Manchester City and lost one with West Bromwich Albion, will become the first player to appear in three if he recovers from a calf strain.

Sunderland, already troubled by doubts over Daniel and Bennett, received a further setback yesterday. Turner, their goalkeeper whose inspired displays lifted his colleagues, withdrew from training because of a groin strain. He is expected to be fit but Duncan, a youth international, could yet make a dramatic entrance.

Len Ashurst, in deciding on his attacking formation, must choose between West, the scorer of three of their goals against Chelsea in the semi-final. Gayle and Wallace.

Fortune has favoured them, especially during the earlier stages against Nottingham Forest, Watford and Tottenham. Many feel that their name is "written on the Cup" but the absence of their captain, Elliott, through suspension is ominous. Queen's Park Rangers and Brighton were similarly without their leaders at Wembley recently and both of them were beaten.

NORWICH CITY (from): C Woods, P Haylock, D van Wyk, S Bruce, P Mendham, D Watson, M Barham, M Channon, L Deehan, A Hartford, L Donowa, J Devine, G Rowell, G Dowse.
SUNDERLAND (from): C Turner, B Venison, N Pickering, G Bennett, G Chisholm, P Daniel, D Hodgson, I Wallace, C West, L Barry, C Walker, H Gayle.

McClair is out again

Brian McClair, who kept Celtic's title hopes alive with a goal on Wednesday night, yesterday found himself out in the cold once more. The forward who came on for McGarvey and scored in injury time to earn a 3-2 victory over Heart of Midlothian, will be back on the bench against Morton today.

McClair's goal pushed Celtic to within six points of the league leaders, Aberdeen, and placated the disgruntled supporters who had jeered the team in last Saturday's defeat by Hibernian.

Hibernian, whose hopes of survival rose considerably after they beat Celtic, face the league champions, Aberdeen, at Easter Road

Dundee, who have ended Rangers' Scottish Cup ambitions for the past two seasons, return to Ibrox. The Rangers manager, Jock Wallace, said: "We've got something to prove and I'm giving the younger players their chance to do it.

End of the road for Roberts

Wrexham yesterday dismissed their manager, Bobby Roberts. Pryce Griffiths the chairman, said the board took action because of poor results which had left the club two places from the foot of the fourth division.

George Showell the trainer is in charge for today's home game with Torquay United and will look after the side until a new manager is appointed. Roberts enjoyed one brief period of success in European football last year. Wrixham beat FC Porto before narrowly losing to Roma in the Cup Winners' Cup.

● Michael Robinson (Queen's Park Rangers) and Kevin Sheedy (Everton) are injured and have dropped out of the Republic of Ireland squad for the international against England at Wembley on Tuesday night. The Republic of Ireland manager, Eion Hand, has called in the experienced Gerry Ryan of Brighton as cover.

John Neal, of Millwall, has withdrawn from the under-21 side to face England at Portsmouth on Monday because he is required by his club for a Freight Rover Trophy match. Lee Sinnott of Watford has been added to the England squad.

Ardiles makes a timely return for Tottenham

Osvaldo Ardiles and Graham Rix return after lengthy injuries today in an effort to strengthen North London's championship challenge. Ardiles, who has made just one appearance as substitute against Queen's Park Rangers, this season, plays for Tottenham Hotspur at home against Southampton. It will be the first time for a year, following knee and shin injuries, that he has started a League game.

Rix plays for Arsenal against the leaders Everton, his first match after four months out with a nagging Achilles tendon which required an operation. The return of Ardiles, following fears that his first-class career could be over, comes as a tonic for Tottenham following their UEFA Cup exit against Real Madrid on Wednesday.

Rix should provide the width and creativity for Arsenal. He takes the place of Davis. O'Leary returns after a two-match absence through injury and illness.

Bracewell and Gray, who missed Everton's midweek European Cup Winners' Cup win over Fortuna Sittard, could be back. But Sheedy misses his third match with a thigh strain.

Manchester United have a slight doubt about their captain, Robson, who has a knee injury, for the home match against Aston Villa. Olsen, who came on as a substitute in the mid week UEFA Cup defeat in Hungary, will definitely play. Stapleton may be dropped.

Villa recall six for the first full game in four months. The Frenchman replaces Kerr. Gibson returns to midfield after a one-match suspension.

Waddle, the Newcastle United forward, is doubtful for the visit to Ipswich Town because of a jarred knee. Gascoigne stands by for his League debut. D'Avray is back in contention for a place in the Ipswich side for the first time since breaking his nose and suffering concussion in the Milk Cup semi-final second leg defeat at Norwich.

Liverpool at West Bromwich Albion, recall Dalglish, who missed the midweek European Cup win over Austria Vienna through suspension. He replaces Walsh, who has to be content with the substitute's spot after scoring two goals against the Austrians. Robertson, the West Bromwich captain, returns after a two-match suspension.

Thursday's results

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 1, Stoke City 0; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Manchester United 2. Second division: Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Sunderland 3.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dalfew Cup: Semi-final first legs: Fisher Athletic 1, Bashpstoke 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton Albion 4, South Liverpool 0.
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 2, Handon 0; Dutwich Hamlet 2, Bishop's Stortford 1; Harlow 2, Wokingham 2; Tooting and Mitcham 0, Epsom and Ewell 1. First division: Basildon 1, Farnborough 0; Bromley 1, St Albans 1; Hampton 1, Lewes 1. Second division, south: Ruislip 1, Feltham 2. Cup Third round replay: Harrow 2, Leyton/Wingate 0.
EAST ANGLIAN CUP: Second round: Billericay 6, Colchester 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE:

SECOND DIVISION: Runcorn 21, Doncaster 11.

Devonians come of age

By Paul Newman

Exmouth Town are hoping to complete the most successful spell in their 52-year history by winning a place in next month's final of the FA Vase. The Great Mills Western League champions are only two games away from Wembley, for today they entertain Fleetwood Town (North West Counties League) in the first leg of the Vase semi-finals.

After spending their first 49 years in relative obscurity, Exmouth enjoyed a change in their fortunes in 1982, when they won promotion to the Western League premier division. A year later Bob Davis, who had joined the club as a player in 1978, was appointed manager

Davis took Exmouth to their Western League championship in his first season in charge and the Devon club could retain the title this year if they take advantage of their games in hand.

Exmouth, Fleetwood and Wisbech Town (Eastern Counties League) who entertain Halesowen Town (West Midlands League) in today's other semi-final, have all reached this stage despite having to start in the preliminary round. Halesowen, beaten finalists two seasons ago, entered the competition in the second round and are clear favourites to win the trophy.

GOLF: OOSTERHUIS AND LYLE STRUGGLE TO MAKE THE CUT IN LAS VAGAS

Brown leads Europeans

From John Ballantine, Las Vegas

Ken Brown, alone among the four Europeans held on to a promising position after the second round of the five-day $1 million Panasonic pro-am here, in this city of gambling.

Brown's 73 on the short par 70 Tropicana course, was not a bad effort, scored as it was at the very end of a day on which the wind whipped up to nearly 30 mph. It left the Scot joint thirty-seventh in a field of 144 which will be reduced to 70. Brown made an indifferent start to his third round on the Las Vegas course, going out in 37.

Which of the other three had a chance to make it? All were below the halfway point, Bernhard Langer and Sandy Lyle both on 144, and Peter Oosterhuis, after his 78 on Thursday, dangerously low at 147.

Had it been the usual 36-hole cut instead of 54, all would probably have been "going on down the road", but this unusual event gave them a third chance.

Bill Glasson, aged 24, of California, held on grimly for a one stroke lead over Tom Watson even though, because of the different pars here, both were at 11 under.

The consistent Tom Kite and Fred Couples, who next week defends his tournament players title in Florida, moved into more challenging positions, while Frank Connor, a portly little former tennis professional, arrived in third place three behind Watson even though, after taking the lead to everyone's astonishment in the afternoon high winds, he served some "faults" at the end.

130MW Glasson 62, 68. 131: T Watson 66, 65. 134: F Conner 66, 68. 136: T Kite 67, 69; F Couples 67, 69; T Simpson 67, 69; M Smith 67, 69. 137: R Streck 66, 71; M Lye 70, 67; S Hoch 65, 72; P Azinger 65, 72. 138: G Norman (Aust) 68, 70; D Frost (SA) 69, 69; J C Snead 68, 70; B Upper 71, 67; M O'Grady 67, 71; J Haas 68, 70. 141: K Brown (GB) 68, 73. 144: S Lyle (GB) 71, 73; B Langer (WG) 70, 74. 147: P Oosterhuis (GB) 69, 78.

Underdogs in top form

By Nicholas Keith

The bottom match swung to and fro. Dufton, Oxford's captain and Noever, went two down with three to play after an exquisite pitch to the 15th by the waiflike Smith, the son of Arthur Smith the Scottish rugby three-quarter of the 1950s.

Oxford won the 16th and Dufton's tee shot to the 17th rattled the pin but Meacher, whose father Michael, the Shadow Minister for Social Services, saved his side's par

RESULTS (Oxford names first): G Wootlet (Purdue University and New) and R Petch (Harrow and Magdalen) bt J Beasley (St Paul's and Magdalene) and D Wilson (Cheltenham and Magdalene) 2 and 1; D Randall (Oriel and Oriel) and K Frearson (Charterhouse and Christ Church) bt T Wilkinson (Worksop and Trinity) and R Palmer (Nottingham High School and Magdalene) 4 and 3; M MacPhee (Edinburgh Academy and Oriel) and M Mallin (Bristol University and St Catherine's) bt C Ellison (Tonbridge and Homerton) and J Downs (Bradford GS and Queen's) 4 and 3; A Bastienello (Sevenoaks and Oriel) and C White (Charterhouse and Exeter) lost to S Ellis (Tonbridge and Pembroke) and J Bushell (Glenalmond and Pembroke) one hole; M Dutton (Bradford GS and Keble) and D Noever (Princeton and Magdalen) halved with D Meacher (William Ellis and Fitzwilliam) and I Smith (Edinburgh Academy and Girton).

BADMINTON



Miss Troke

England repulsed

By Richard Eaton

England are still looking for their first male semi-finalist for 46 years and Helen Troke is still seeking a way past the Chinese wall that surrounds women's badminton after two home defeats in the Yonex All-England championships at Wembley yesterday.

Steve Baddeley, the England joint number one, was beaten 15-6, 15-7 by the second seeded, Zhao Jianhua, while Miss Troke went down 11-7, 11-6 to the third seeded Wu Jianqui. Both defeats, if a little predictable, were not dishonourable.

Baddeley, with his injured ankle, found it hard to get quickly off the launching pad when moving towards the forehand, but still scored regularly with well-varied three-quarter pace smashes in a second game that last 69 rallies.

Miss Troke ended in tears, just as she did when beaten by Jianqui in the Japan Open two months ago, but this time she came back at her opponent with a run of four points near the end of the match to add respectability to the scoreline.

The fact of the matter is that her opponent possessed more deception with her overhead shots, as many of the Chinese players do, and also obtains a deeper angle both on drops and smashes. This means that although the European champion's physical resources are considerable, she has to dig deeper into them in order to keep on terms. Halfway through the second game the fuel was beginning to run low.

"Give me two more years and I reckon I will improve my smoke play enough" she said afterwards, but as well as an appetite for hard work, about which there is little doubt, it may require adaptability in her grip and stroke production if she is to achieve what she wishes.

MEN'S SINGLES: quarter-final round: Han Jian (China) beat I Fredericksen (Den), 15-12, 15-5; Zhao Jianhua (China) bt S Baddeley (Engl), 15-5, 5-7.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: quarter-final round: Wu Jianqiu (China) bt H Troke (Engl), 11-7, 11-6; Han Aiping (China) bt Qian Ping (China), 11-8, 11-4.

Greenidge out

Kingston (Reuter) – A back injury has forced Gordon Greenidge out of West Indies team for the second one-day cricket international match against New Zealand in Trinidad next Wednesday.

TEAM: V Richards (capt), D Haynes, R Richardson, L Gomes, G Logie, J Dujon, E Baptiste, R Harper, M Holding, J Garner, W Davis.

SNOOKER

Higgins rescues Ireland

By Sydney Friskin

Alex Higgins carried Ireland into the final of the Guinness World Cup at Bournemouth yesterday by winning four frames on a row. Wales, who at one time were leading 3-1, were eventually beaten 5-3.

Higgins levelled the scores by winning both frames against Ray Reardon and then took on Doug Mountjoy. In the first of their two frames, Mountjoy was leading 50-21 with all the reds gone. Helped by a foul shot from Mountjoy, Higgins took the green brown and blue, later he brilliantly potted the pink and black to win by two points. In the next frame there was only one player in it; Higgins won 93-4 to settle the match.

Dennis Taylor started the afternoon well enough for Ireland by sharing the first two frames with Mountjoy. Terry Griffiths proved a little too good for Eugene Hughes and soon put Wales into a 3-1 lead. Reardon then took a 45-0 lead off Higgins.

There was a struggle for the last three colours but, even though Higgins gave away seven points by knocking the black into a pocket, Reardon, not particularly comfortable with his spectacles, could not capitalize on the pink. There was less resistance from Reardon in the next frame.

Higgins had also played a prominent part in Ireland's 5-2 victory over Canada on the previous night. He defeated Cliff Thorburn in the last frame

Quarter-final: Ireland 5, Canada 2 (D Taylor bt K Stevens 57-29, 83-20; E Hughes tied with C Thorburn 69-30, 6-56; A Higgins tied with W Werbeniuk 31-70, 78-41; Higgins bt Thorburn 57-38.
Semi-final: Ireland 5, Wales 3. D Taylor tied with D Mountjoy 29-91, 79-24; E Hughes lost to T Griffiths 11-93, 13-103; A Higgins bt R Reardon 59-58, 59-28; Higgins bt Mountjoy 52-50, 93-4).

CRICKET

Burrows in last eight after poor start

By Gordon Allan

Joe Burrows, the first crown green bowler to qualify for the Prudential English indoor championships, reached the last eight of the singles at Hartlepool yesterday. He beat John Newson (Peterborough) 21-19 in the morning and Derek Gilmartin (Plymouth) 21-12 in the afternoon.

Burrows is a Manchester publican who plays the flat green game at Huddersfield. He proved his adaptability to a different code by coming back from 15-4 down to beat Newson. Against Gilmartin he levelled the scores at 12-12 and then won the last four ends three, two, one, three.

John Bell, last year's runner-up, had to summon yp all his skill to beat David Rhys-Jones 21-19 in the first round. Rhys-Jones found the door open twice, when he led 15-7 and 19-16, but Bell shut it in his face. It was a high-scoring match with two fours and seven threes on the card, which made it odd in a way that a measure should be needed to decide the last two ends.

Wynne Richards lost his chance of adding the indoor championship to the outdoor title he won at Worthing last August when Gilmartin beat him 21-17.

Tony Allcock, who has just returned from Australia, where he was runner-up to Ken Williams in the Mazda Masters tournament, beat Nigel Smith 21-16.

It was all over quickly for Ken Boley and Jim McCambridge. They lost 21-2 and 21-4 respectively to Ernie Over (Coventry).

SINGLES: First round: D Gilmartin (Plymouth) 21, W Richards (Cambridge Park, Twickenham) 17; N Burrows (Huddersfield) 21, J Newson (Peterborough) 19; A Alcock (Gatewold) 21, T Orr (Tarnpie) 6; N Smith (King George Field) 21, B Taylor (County Area) 11; S Wade (Wellingborough) 21, M Tomberry (Harpenden) 19; W Berwick (Boldon) 21, D Parsonson (Falcon, Chelmsford) 17; J Rednall (Ipswich) 21, D Baker (Darlington) 17; D Thomas (Nottingham) 21, F Cook (Barking) 16; J Bell (Cumbria) 21, D Rhys-Jones (Clevedon) 15; D Dearing (Wrlesright, Reading) 21, B Howes (Norfolk and Norwich) 20; J McCambridge (Exonia) 21, P McCall (Bristol) 12; E Over (City of Coventry) 21, K Boley (Victoria, Weston-super-Mare) 2; S Halmai (Paddington) 21, B Milgate (Angel, Tonbridge) 12; W Hayward (Preston, Brighton) 21, M Sekjer (Cyphers) 17; R White (East Lindsey, Skegness) 21, R Kemp (Alherley) 9; G Harrington (Isle) 21, W Chantler (Victory, Portsmouth) 14. Second round: Burrows 21, Gilmartin 12; Alcock 21, Smith 16; Berwick 21, Wade 18; Rednall 21, Thomas 14; Bell 21, Dearing 11; Over 21, McCambridge 4; Halmai 21, Hayward 16; Harrington 21, White 2.

BOWLS

India are poised for fourth triumph

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (Reuter) – India set off towards a fourth consecutive success in international limited overs tournaments with a 38-run win over Pakistan yesterday.

India's victory came in the first round of a four-nation 50-over competition. They were skittled out for 125 in 42.4 overs, Imran Khan taking six for 14, but hit back by routing Pakistan for 87 in 32.5 overs. India are through to the final against England or Australia, who meet on Sunday. The final is on March 29.

Mohammad Azharuddin and Kapil Dev salvaged some pride for India with a sixth wicket stand of 46 before Tauseef Ahmed bowled Kapil for 30. Azharuddin, the top scorer with 47, was also bowled by Tauseef, while the fast bowlers polished off the tail. Pakistan launched their reply fairly solidly but started to crumble against Sivaramakrishnan and Shastri.

A sixth-wicket stand of 33 by Rameez Raja and Saleem Malik gave Pakistan hope, but the return of Kapil Dev, who ended with three for 17, and fine slip catching by Gavaskar sealed Pakistan's fate.

INDIA: First innings

R J Shastri lbw Imran	0
K Srikkanth c Malik b Imran	5
M Azharuddin b Tauseef	47
D B Vengsarkar c Ashraf b Imran	1
S M Gavaskar c Ashraf b Imran	2
M Amarnath b Imran	5
Kapil Dev b Tauseef	30
R M H Binny c Miandad b Mudassar	8
S Madan Lal c Ashraf b Imran	11
S Viswanath not out	9
L Sivaramakrishnan c Malik b Akram	1
Extras (b–5, lb–4, w–2)	11
Total (42.4 overs)	125

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–0, 2–12, 3–20, 4–28, 5–34, 6–80, 7–95, 8–113, 9–121.
BOWLING: Imran, 10–2–14–6; Wasim Akram, 7.4–0–27–1; Tahir, 5–0–12–0; Mudassar, 10–1–36–1; Tauseef, 10–0–27–2.

PAKISTAN:

Mudassar Nazar c Gavaskar b Binny	18
Mohsin Khan run out	10
Rameez Raja c Gavaskar b Kapil Dev	29
Javed Miandad c Gavaskar b Shastri	0
Ashraf Ali c Vengsarkar b Sivaramakrishnan	0
Imran Khan at Viswanath b Sivaramakrishnan	0
Saleem Malik c Gavaskar b Shastri	17
Manzoor Elahi c and b Madan Lal	9
Tahir Naqqash c Viswanath b Kapil Dev	1
Tauseef Ahmed b Kapil Dev	0
Wasim Akram not out	0
Extras (lb–1, nb–1 w–1)	3
Total (32.5 overs)	87

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–13, 2–35, 3–40, 4–41, 5–41, 6–74, 7–85, 8–87, 9–87.
BOWLING: Kapil Dev, 6.5–1–17–3; Binny, 3–0–24–1, Sivaramakrishnan, 7–2–16–2; Shastri, 10–5–17–2; Madan Lal, 6–2–12–1.

IN BRIEF

Greek contests dope test

Athens (Reuter) – Elizabeth Pantazi, the Greek hurdler suspended after a positive dope test, said yesterday she could prove she had not used a performance-boosting drug. Nadrolone, as claimed by a laboratory in Cologne.

The German laboratory cleared 13 other Greek athletes, who were also suspended on the eve of the European indoor athletics championships in Athens earlier this month on suspicion of taking drugs. The triple jumper, Dimitrios Mihas, who had said he would allow people to spit on him in Athens's Central Square if the test had proved positive, said: "It was the result I expected. I have never taken drugs and I never intend to take them."

GOLF: Pearl Sinn, a 17-year-old high school girl and the only amateur in the field, shot a two-under-par 70 on Thursday to share the first-round lead in the LPGA's £250,000 GNA tournament with Jan Stephenson, Barbara Moxness and Atsuko Hikaje (AP reports).

TENNIS: Patience paid off for Helena Sukova, of Czechoslovakia, and Kathy Rinaldi, of the United States, in quarter-final matches of the £500,000 women's circuit championships a Madison Square Gardens. Miss Sukova, fourth in the world rankings, restrained her usual aggressive tactics in beating eleventh-ranked Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden 6-4, 6-4 in 62 minutes, then Miss Rinaldi upset Kathy Jordan 6-1, 6-3 in 82 minutes by forcing long rallies.

CRICKET: Tony Pigott, the Sussex and England pace bowler who missed nearly all last season with back and shin injuries, hopes to be fit for the start of this year's county championship. He has lost a stone and a half in weight during a demanding training routine and is bowling at three-quarter pace in the nets.

LACROSSE: A women's triangular tournament between England Reserves, England Under-21s and British Universities should end in a clear victory for the Reserves at Merton today (Peter Tatlow writes). The tournament will be followed by the finals of the All-England NatWest schoolgirls tournament.

YACHTING: A high-technology prototype yacht designed to keep the coveted America's Cup in Australia has been launched in Freemantle – venue for the 1987 race (Reuter reports). "South Australia" was designed by Ben Lexcen, whose Australia II broke the New York Yacht Club's 132-year monopoly on the cup in 1983.

FOR THE RECORD

TABLE TENNIS

DOUGLAS: Commonwealth Championships: Men's singles, third round: F Adeyemo (Nigeria) bt B Griffiths (NZ), 21-16, 13-21, 21-17, 21-18; I Gatterine (Guer) bt M Holland (IOM), 21-13, 21-13, 22-24, 25-24; J Robinson (Ire) bt L Ribeiro (Zim), 21-11, 21-18, 21-17; P Bradury (Eng) bt S Clarice (Trin), 21-9, 21-3, 21-19; R Yule (Scot) bt P Robinson (Papua NG), 21-6, 21-5, 21-5; E Virgo (Jam) bt J Dill (Ire), 21-14, 21-10, 21-16; G Bain (Trin) bt S Hayat (Pak), 21-14, 21-17, 21-11.
T Ogunrinde (Nigeria) bt N Tyler (Wales) 21-15, 21-19, 12-21, 21-18; J Stokes (Eng) bt A Seales (IOM), 21-5, 21-13, 21-14; E Ellis (Jers) bt J Andrew (Papua NG), 21-10, 21-10, 21-9; N Thomas (Wales) bt M Monaghan (IOM), 21-13, 21-13, 21-8; R Jabor (Aus) bt L Tam (Can), 21-17, 21-8, 21-6; S Scowcroft (Eng), bt W Estwick (Trin), 15-21, 21-8, 21-17, 21-18; H Pintea (Can) bt G Jones (Jam) 21-13, 21-19, 21-17; M Kelly (Ire) bt P Hunkin (Guer) 20-22, 21-15, 21-8, 21-12; I Irving (Aus) bt C Holland (IOM), 21-17, 18-21, 21-11, 21-8; A Dixon (Eng) bt Thomas, 22-20, 21-15, 21-7; S Andrew (Eng) br Javor, 21-14, 21-16, 21-17; Ram bt A Nelkhuda (Pak), 21-13, 21-19, 21-17; G Sandley (Eng) bt S Cowcroft, 17-21, 21-14, 21-7, 21-13; A Musa (Nig) bt Irving, 21-14, 21-11, 21-15.

Second round: D Douglas (Eng) bt Adeyemo, 21-15, 21-10, 21-15; A Bourbonnais (Can) bt Gallienne, 21-10, 21-7, 21-15; Robinson bt G Gerrard (Sco), 21-16, 21-16, 9-21, 16-21, 21-19; Bradbury bt R Tuckett (Aus), 21-17, 15-21, 21-13, 17-21, 21-18; K Meima (India) bt Yule, 21-11, 21-17, 21-15; Virgo bt Bain, 21-17, 21-12, 20-22, 27-25; Ogunrinde bt I Saif (Pak), 21-12, 21-12, 21-19; Chang Kong Wah (HK), bt Stokes, 21-10, 21-8, 21-11; Lo Chuen Ching (HK) bt Ellis, 21-8, 21-8, 21-5; Pintea bt C Ribeiro (Zim), 21-7, 21-4, 21-6; A Garua (India) bt Kelly, 21-9, 21-16, 21-13.

C Prean (Eng) bt Hylton 21-7, 21-9, 21-11; Griffiths bt A Baker (IoM) 21-9, 21-11, 21-8; Nguyen bt G Delph (Trin) 21-19, 21-16, 21-15; Wells bt M Temperley (NZ) 20-22, 21-13, 21-13, 21-19; Abbiss bt D Hannah (Sco) 21-13, 12-21, 21-21, 21-18, 21-14; F Sule (Nigeria) bt Morgan 20-22, 14-21, 21-18, 21-19, 21-16; Dodd bt Vong Lu Veng (HK) 20-22, 21-17, 21-19, 15-21, 21-15; Vaidyanatuan bt F Gougeard (Jer) 21-11, 21-19, 16-21, 21-6; J Hilton (Eng) bt M Eaton (Zim) 21-13, 21-16, 21-18; G Proctor (IoM) bt M Thomas (Wales) w/o; Brow bt Chiu Man Kuen (HK) 11-21, 12-21, 21-14, 22-20, 24-22; NG bt A Khan (Pak) 17-21, 15-21, 21-15, 21-11, 21-11; Y Rankole (Nigeria) bt Jackson 19-21, 21-18, 21-18, 21-18.
Third round: P Bradbury (Eng) bt J Robinson (Ire) 16-21, 21-8, 21-2, 21-17; Chang Kong Wah (HK) bt T Ogunrinde (Nigeria) 21-18, 21-18, 21-10; Lo Cheun Chung (HK) bt A Dixon (Eng) 21-9, 21-12, 21-8; S Andrew (Eng) bt S Ram (Ind) 21-13, 21-18, 21-16; A Musa (Nigeria) bt A Barua (India) 21-17, 21-14, 21-13; D Douglas (Eng) bt A Bourbannais (Can) 21-19, 21-9, 21-9; K Meima (India) bt E Virgo (Jam) 21-10, 21-7, 21-14; G Sandley (Eng) bt H Pinter (Can) 21-19, 19-21, 26-24, 21-17; F Sule (Nigeria) bt B Nguyen (Can) 21-17, 21-17, 21-18; B Abbiss (Nigeria) bt C Vaidyanatuan (India) 21-13, 19-21, 21-15, 21-13.
C Prean (Eng) bt A Griffiths (Wales) 16-21, 21-17, 21-8, 21-18; B Wells (Eng) bt D Dodd (Eng) 21-11, 21-12, 21-23, 21-18; G Ng (Can) bt J Southey (Eng) 21-17, 21-16, 21-14; A Cooley (Eng) bt G Proctor (IOM) 21-10, 21-11, 21-10; G Hallett (Aus) bt J Hilton (Eng) 23-21, 21-14, 21-17; Y Bankole (Nigeria) bt J Broe (Scot) 21-13, 21-8, 21-18.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: M McMullen (Ire) bt S Bacca (Jam), 21-17, 21-4, 21-12; J Powis (Eng) bt E Robb (Scot), 21-13, 21-8, 21-19; N Bisiach (Aus) bt K Herguin (Guernsey), 21-8, 21-14, 21-17; B McKnight (Can) bt S Cain-Williams (Wales), 21-11, 18-21, 21-17, 21-6; N Shittu (Nigeria) bt L Frost (Zim), 21-6, 21-8, 21-12; M Salisbury (Eng) bt J Tepper (Aus) 21-12, 21-12, 21-16; C Potts (Eng) bt A Cacua (Isle of Man), 21-10, 17-21, 21-17, 21-16; J Shaw (Eng) bt M Domonkos (Can), 16-21, 22-20, 21-18, 21-11; H Bedard (Can) bt D Paienel (Jersey), 21-12, 21-8, 21-10; D Craig (Scot) bt N Mervoy (Ireland), 21-10, 21-9, 21-10; M Barua (India) bt J Morris (NZ), 19-21, 21-18, 21-12, 21-19; S Sandley (Eng) bt P Soper (Jersey), 21-9, 21-18, 21-11; T Mach (Can) bt L Shaw (Isle of Man), 21-8, 21-7, 21-10; Myung Hee No (Aus) bt K Owolabi (Nigeria), 21-12, 21-9, 21-14; N Roy (India) bt A Hoh (Eng), 21-11, 21-12, 21-12; K Rall (Eng) bt C Chu (Can), 21-14, 21-18, 21-12; K Rice (NZ) bt S Flistle (Jers), 21-13, 21-15, 21-16; L Tichy (Aus) bt A Rihoy (Guernsey), 21-11, 21-15, 21-15; J Parker (Eng) bt J Radcliffe (Isle of Man), 21-8, 21-16, 21-9; L Tyler (Wales) bt I Kanmu (Nigeria), 16-21, 21-10, 21-15, 21-19; G Hsu (Can) bt E Cheevers (Ire), 21-19, 21-16, 21-10.
Second round: Hui So Hung (Hong Kong) bt McMullen, 21-5, 21-8, 21-9; Bisiach bt Powis 21-10, 21-9, 21-8; I Puri (India) bt Shittu, 21-19, 21-10, 21-15; Shaw bt Potts, 21-15, 21-11, 24-22; A Gordon (Eng) bt Greig, 21-10, 21-15, 21-14; cc16,8,10,9 Second round: F Elliot (Eng) bt McKnight, 21-16, 21-14, 25-23; Sainsbury bt O Majekodunmi (Nigeria), 21-19, 21-14, 21-14; Barua bt Bedard, 21-9, 21-14, 21-13; Myung bt Roy, 21-19, 21-15, 18-21, 21-14; V Parikh (India) by Tyler, 16-21, 21-21, 21-14, 21-15; 21-K Wiffin (Eng) bt J Smith (Scco), 21-15, 22-20, 22-20; Mach bt Sandley, 21-18, 21-18, 21-13; Yue Kam Kai (HK) bt Hall, 21-12, 21-10, 21-11; L Bellinger (Eng) bt Rice, 21-10, 21-12, 21-

BOWLS

India are poised for fourth triumph

RACING: COLE CAN CELEBRATE FIRST BIG HANDICAP WINNER OF NEW SEASON

Joyful Dancer in step for Lincoln glory

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Paul Cole finally completed the purchase of Whatcombe yesterday. Today he has a good chance of celebrating that achievement by winning the Willian Hill Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster for the first time with **Joyful Dancer.**

Discussing his horse's chance yesterday Cole said that he is 100 per cent happy with Joyful Dancer and that he is not put off by his horse being drawn 12, in the middle of the field, even though the overall impression gained yesterday after watching the Apprentices' race, run over the same course and distance, was that a lower draw would be preferable.

"Our draw means that we can pick and choose where to go: probably we'll tuck in behind them on the far side as we intend holding him up this time instead of making the running", Cole said.

What I like about Joyful Dancer is that by winning the Newbury Spring Cup first time out last year he proved that he is a horse to come to hand early naturally and that is precisely the type you always have to have on your side for this race.

On the book it is certainly possible to argue that he ought to beat Blowing Bubbles, who is drawn just two away on his inside. Last year they met at Windsor and now Joyful Dancer is 16lb better off for a four lengths beating.

Along with Cataldi, Vintage Toll, who has gone up a stone in the weights since finishing second last year, Topham's Tavern, Rana Pratap and Gunner Girl, Joyful Dancer and Blowing Bubbles will be glued to the far side.

Arguably, both Cataldi and Gunner Girl, who have won over a mile and a quarter, would prefer further. It is in their favour, though, that the bad weather has made the going testing, which in turn will put a brake on the speed merchants.

Sam Wood's running in the Apprentices race yesterday encouraged Tommy Fairhurst to believe that Topham's Tavern, who also won his first race last year and is fit from hurdling, will go well this afternoon.

The result of yesterday's apprentices race apart, a study of the form book will show that four of the last five runnings of the Lincoln have been dominated by those drawn on the low side. Besides Flyholme, Roman Beach, All Fair and the Cagnes-sur-Mer winner, Duelling are the most notable of the leading ante post fancies drawn high.

Vorvados, an old favourite with the Doncaster crowd, will be trying to win the Cammidge Trophy a third time. However, I doubt him beating Hilton *Brown* from the in-form Cundell stable.

Today's programme at Newbury, which features the Hoechst Regumate Mares Only Novices' Hurdle final and the Tote Credit Hurdle looks fraught with problems for punters.

Colin Brown looks to have as good a chance as any of winning the "mares only" race on the recent Worcester winner **Majuba Road** and he may also win the Newbury Handicap Chase as well for the West Country trainer David Barons on **Solid Rock**, who was successful by 20 lengths at Lingfield a week ago.

As far as the Tote's race is concerned there is precious little to choose between Ace of Spies, Forewarn and Double Swing, judged on their Chepstow running earlier this month. In the circumstances I am happy to row along with the Yorkshire challenger **Lanhydrock** who finished a dozen lengths behind Ace of Spies in the Victor Ludorum Hurdle at Haydock and is now 20lb better off.

At Bangor my principal fancy is **Lisboney Hill**, who is napped to win the second division of the Bobby O'Neill Novices' Chase. The winner of a similar race at Towcester in December, Lisboney Hill ran really well for a comparative beginner at Sandown earlier this month when he finished fourth behind Special Cargo



Greville Starkey puts Cataldi through his paces during his Lincoln preparation

Drumlargan pleases Francome

By Christopher Goulding

Drumlargan, the leading contender for Ireland in the Grand National, will be ridden by John Francome. Drumlargan has been the subject of a large gamble and is now a 14–1 chance.

Francome said yesterday before dashing off to ride at Newbury "I rode him in a racecourse gallop at Navan last week and was very pleased with him. You have to give him a chance on his running in the 1984 Cheltenham Gold Cup when third to Burrough Hill Lad".

Ben de Haan yesterday declared himself fit to ride Corbiere in the National. de Haan received a kick on the thigh a week ago after dismounting. He said: "I hope to be back race riding on Monday.

"Corbiere is expected to go hunting today with the Old Berks, and is very well", said Mandy Harvey, Mrs Pitman's secretary.

Peter Scudamore, who rode Corbiere to victory last weekend at Chepstow, and would have ridden Corbiere in the National if de Haan was unfit, is now without a mount. Scudamore said: "I might get lucky if someone is injured. The one I'd like to be on is West Tip".

Hallo dandy's jockey Neil Doughty, who is temporarily on the sidelines after dislocating a shoulder on Tuesday, is expected to ride out today. Gordon Richards said "Hallo Dandy is in fine form he has had all his days out hunting and is now a racehorse".

Hexham off

Today's meeting at Hexham was cancelled because the course is waterlogged. An inspection will be held at 11.00 tomorrow morning to see if Monday's meeting can go ahead.

Swift Palm keeps Cundell guessing

By Michael Seely

Swift Palm's second victory in the past three years in the apprentice race at Doncaster yesterday gave both a boost and a dampener to Peter Cundell's hopes of winning this afternoon's William Hill Lincoln Handicap with the heavily backed Flythorne. "Before the meeting started I thought that if Swift Palm won, Flythorne was sure to go very close. But I walked the track before racing and the ground appears to be slower under the stand rails, so I've got to be frightened of the 21 draw."

Philip Mitchell, the trainer of Mudlark *Duelling*, on the other hand, was still brimful of confidence and thinks that the draw will have little effect on the result. "The second in Swift Palm's race, Misha, carried 7lb overweight and was only beaten two lengths under the stand rails. They've been churning up the ground on the far side and the best horse at the weights will win, wherever he's drawn." Duelling will break from stall 25.

Cundell's horses are certainly in invincible form as Swift Palm's win followed hard on the heels of that of Percase on Thursday. "He loves a straight mile and he likes being allowed to do things in his own time", said the trainer. "When I saw that there were five confirmed front runners in the race I knew we had a great chance".

Nick Adams, the winning 23-year-old apprentice from Oxfordshire, went on to land a 101-1 double and the first of the jockey's career when keeping Relkisha going with immense determination to foil the late attack of Down Flight in the Doncaster Town Plate. "I've had the horse down at Cagnes-sur-Mer", said David Wintle, the winning trainer. "Ghislaine le-Conte rode the filly for me. They won once and also finished second, earning us over £6,000 and I thought she was rather unlucky in today's opener as our Woodway was nearly knocked over at the start."

After Woodway's misfortunes, the Haywards Pickle Stakes for amateur riders turned into a three-cornered affair between Golden Fancy, Oryx Minor and Prince Reviewer. Dana, the 19-year-old daughter of Stan and Elain Mellor, looked all set for victory until Maxine Juster brought Golden Fancy with a strong late run to win by one and a half lengths. "I saw Maxine coming out of the corner of my eye", said the jockey. "But by then it was too late to do anything about it."

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Golden Fancy is nothing if not versatile. "He has been second three times over fences since winning at Perth early in the jumping season", said Ian Vickers, the winning trainer from Darlington. "Golden Fancy now goes to Liverpool for a £10,000 novice chase next Friday.

Further evidence of the apparent impartiality of the draw was shown when Robert Street brought Bincleaves up the stands rails to romp home by three lengths in the Will Scott Handicap, for Matt McCormack. "He had a light weight and was drawn 12", said the winning trainer, "So that was where he had to race."

McCormack added that Bincleaves was the first horse he bought before starting training at Wantage over five years ago. "I bought him for 14 grand at the Doncaster sales. So his win here today has given me nearly as much pleasure as winning the St James Palace Stakes with Horage."

DONCASTER (ITV)

[Televised: 2.15, 2.45, 3.20]

GOING: Soft

Draw advantage: Low numbers may be best on soft ground

2.15 MAIL ON SUNDAY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,915: 7f) (15 runners)

2	202120-	CHRISTIAN SCHAD (C St George) B Hanbury 9-7	S Cauthen	2
3	210030-	HOPEFUL HEIGHTS (D) (V Emsley Ltd) T Fairhurst 9-6	C Coates 5	11
4	263206-	COINCIDENTAL (G Martin) M Lambert 9-2	Pat Eddery	3
5	401304-	QUALITAIR FLYER (Qualitair Engineering) K Stone 9-1	–	7
6	010230-	ELECTRICCONNECTION (D) (S Gorton) M Lambert 9-1	D Oldham	15
7	4210-	PHEON (Sheikh Rashid Al Khalifa) G Huffer 8-12	G Carter 5	1
9	00014-	STEERPIKE (G Sumner) P Cundell 8-8	W Carson	13
10	10300-	INSHPOUR (P Hallett) G Fletcher 8-8	G Duffield	10
11	0180-	POSTORAGE (Internabroad Vacationers) M McCormack 8-7	R Cochrane	14
13	010002-	BOOT POLISH (G Parkinson) J Watts 8-3	N Connorton	9
14	330301-	ROSIE DICKINS (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-2	–	5
15	001144-	SHELLMAN (D Sowerby) K Stone 8-1	L Charnock	8
16	043319-	EMERALD PENDANT (D) (Baroness H Thyssen) R Johnson Houghton 8-1	K Darley	12
17	00-4000	DESCHAMPS EXPRESS (Deschamps Ltd) P Mitchell 7-11	T Williams 3	6
19	00-0034	DE RIGEUR (B) (Mrs C Heath) J Bethell 7-9	R Fox	4

1984: Pagan Sun 7-4 S Dawson (7-1) A Bailey 10 ran.

9-2 Boot Polish, 5 Christian Schad, 6 Pheon, 8 Qualitair Flyer, Steerpike, Shellman, 10 Coincidental, 12 Emerald Pendant, 14 Rosie Dickins, De Rigeur, 16 others.

Doncaster selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Pheon. 2.45 Hilton Brown. 3.20 Joyful Dancer. 3.55 Nasib. 4.25 Calorge. 4.55 Calixtus.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Pheon. 2.45 Que Sera. 3.20 Caro's Lad. 3.55 Nasib. 4.25 Dream Merchant. 4.55 Calixtus.

By Michael Seely

2.15 De Rigueur. 3.20 FLYHOME (nap).

2.45 CAMMIDGE TROPHY (£8,600: 6f) (10)

1	182423-	DAWN'S DELIGHT (C,D) (K Ivory) K Ivory 7-9-10	R Cochrane	4
2	404040-	GREY DESIRE (D) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-9-10	B Coogan	7
3	411030-	HILTON BROWN (Lt McAlpine) P Cundell 4-9-10	G Starkey	5
4	000000-	VORVADOS (C,D) (Miss F Gallichan) M Haynes 8-9-10	W Carson	8
5	402112-	DOUBLE SCHWARTZ (D) (R Sangster) C Nelson 4-9-4	S Cauthen	2
6	42-3021	JOHN PATRICK (P Bowes) P Mitchell 4-9-4	J Matthias	10
7	300001-	MY SON MY SON (D,B) (D McIntyre) R Sheather 4-9-4	G Duffield	3
8	220044-	MYSTERY SHIP (Mrs M Simpson) M Usher 4-8-1	A McGlone	1
9	202340-	BATON BOY (A Wragg) M Lambert 4-8-0	L Charnock	6
10	113-	QUE SERA (C) (Mrs R Hurse) W O'Gorman 3-7-11	M L Thomas	9

1984: Vorvados 7-9-10 S Cauthen (7-4 fav) M J Haynes 8 ran.

5-2 Double Schwartz, 4 Hilton Brown, 5 Vorvados, 6 John Patrick, 7 Dawn's Delight, 8 Grey Desire, 10 Baton Boy, 12 others.

FORM: GREY DESIRE won 3 times from 71 to 6f, including when (9-13) beating Prince Reymo (9-3) *a.e.* at Thirsk (6f) £3,185 good to firm, June 2. 9 ran), but lost form after June. VORVADOS (9-10) won this race for the second time in 1984 when beating Yellow Domino (8-8) (£8,772, soft, Mar 24, 8 ran) but did not keep his form. DOUBLE SCHWARTZ (8-12) 1½l runner-up to Cutler's Corner (8-7) at Newmarket. MYSTERY SHIP (8-0) 2½l away 4th (6f, £5,299, good to soft, Oct 5, 8 ran). Previously an easy Brighton (6f) scorer and. (9-5), a 1l 2nd to Prince Reymo (9-13) here with HILTON BROWN (9-10) a short head away 3rd (6f, £9,053, good to soft, Sept 12, 5 ran). HILTON BROWN (9-2) earlier an easy 1½l Ascot winner from Singing Sailor (9-4) (5f, £5,983, good to firm, July 27. 7ran

Selection: DOUBLE SCHWARTZ.

3.20 WILLIAM HILL LINCOLN HANDICAP (£23,507: 1m str) (26)

2	349144-	CATALDI (K Abdulla) G Harwood 4-9-10	G Starkey	8
3	420613-	VINTAGE TOLL (D Cannon) J FitzGerald 5-9-4	S Cauthen	7
4	031040-	TOPHAMS TAVERNS (D) (R Topham) T Fairhurst 4-9-4	C Coates 5	6
6	030213-	ROMAN BEACH (C,D) (R Carnhamy) W Musson 5-9-1	Pat Eddery	24
7	001110-	ALL FAIR (D) (T Glover) R Whitaker 4-9-0	J H Brown 5	23
8	0/0203-	CHRISTMAS COTTAGE (D,B) (Mrs P Mason) A Robson 7-9-0	M Hindley 5	2
9	3/6042-	RANA PRATAP (Mrs G Thornberry) G Lewis 5-8-12	P Waldron	1
11	100000-	DORSET VENTURE (C,D) (B Wilkinson) B Morgan 4-8-11	P Robinson	20
12	300106-	GO BANANA'S (D) (Mrs K Ivory) K Ivory 4-8-10	R Cochrane	22
13	131118-	TREMBLANT (D) (K Abdullah) R Smyth 4-8-10	S Whitworth	3
14	020000-	AMY BUSINESS (D Zawawi) W Musson 4-8-10	–	17
15	312023-	JOYFUL DANCER (D) (D Howl P Cole 5-8-9	T Quinn	12
16	063422-	PAGAN SUN (C) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-8-7	A Bond	16
17	304011-	GUNNER GIRL (D) (J Neville) R Holder 4-8-7	R Fox	3
18	00034-	FORLAURIUS (B Doody) R Stubbs 4-8-6	M Beecroft	4
19	020400-	CARO'S LAD (E Moller) G Wragg 4-8-6	J Reid	13
20	131219-	MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN (D) (Mrs J Collins) G Kindersley 4-8-5	S Dawson 3	5
21	001500-	ROMOSS (D) (F Lafferty Builders) R Whitaker 7-8-3	T Ives	18
22	0023-01	DUELLING (D) (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 4-8-3 (7 ex)	A McGlone	25
23	141400-	ALLIA PRINCESS (D) (T Popely) R Hoare 5-8-2	W Ryan 3	19
24	211120-	BLOWING BUBBLES (Mrs J Jackson) P Mitchell 5-8-2	T Williams 3	10
25	602029-	DOUBLE QUICK TIME (D) (Mrs W McAlpine) R Smyth 4-8-2	R Hills	14
26	/20000-	TRY TO STOP ME (A Williamson) Denys Smith 4-8-2	M Fry	11
27	031013-	FLYHOME (C Southgate) P Cundell 4-8-2	W Carson	21
28	100000-	REDGRAVE ARTIST (D) (C Redgrave) K Bishop 4-7-12	M L Thomas	9
29	160200-	WILD HOPE (D) (B Hamoud) G Hunter 4-7-11	G Carter 5	26

1984: Sawng Mercy 4-8-9 W R Swinburn (14-1) D Weld (Ire) 26 ran.

10 Duelling, 11 Cataldi, Joyful Dancer, 12 Vintage Toll, Flyhome, 14 Roman Beach, Tophams Taverns, 18 Go Bananas, 20 Dorset Venture, Gunner Girl, 25 Blowing Bubbles, Rana Pratap.

FORM: CATALDI (9-4) 3l 4th of 19 to Maumann (7-12) at Newmarket (1m 2f, £13,305, good. Nov 3) VINTAGE TOLL, 3rd over 6f last time, earlier (8-13) about 4l 8th of 24 to Leysh (8-7) at Newmarket (9f, £34,570, good, Oct 6) AQUADA PRINCE (8-2), ROMOSS (7-11) and DOUBLE QUICK TIME (7-8) were all out of the first 9. ROMAN BEACH (8-11) under 2l 3rd to Royal Trooper (8-12) here (8f, £4,562, soft, Nov 10, 20 ran). ALL FAIR (8-9) finished tailed off. Previously ALL FAIR (8-3) beat RANA PRATAP (9-8) 2l at Newbury (8f, £4,808, soft, Oct 27, 21 ran). FLYHOME (7-8) was another head away in 3rd, while TRY TO STOP ME (7-13) finished out of the first 9. DORSET VENTURE, below form all stats since completing early season hat trick here (8-8), when TOPHAMS TAVERNS (9-2) was just under 3l back in 3rd (8f, £5,120, good to firm, May 7, 11 ran). ALL FAIR (8-6) was 8l further away in 5th. GO BANANAS (7-7) 6l 5th of 13 to Morway Boy (8-6) at York (8f, £13,090, good to soft, Oct 11). JOYFUL DANCER (7-12) was another 2½l back in 6. MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN (7-7) 9th after setting the running in a rough race, and ROMOSS (7-10) 12th. DUELLING (10-1) beat Fan Club (10-5) 1½l at Cagnes (8f, £3,128, good to soft, Feb 24, 10 ran).

Selection: DORSET VENTURE.

3.55 DONCASTER EXIBITION CENTRE STAKES (3-y-o: £2,760: 7f) (11)

1		BEAU DIAMOND (Mrs M Frances) M Francis 9-0	Paul Eddery	5
2		BLUE RECRUIT (Sir G White) P Rohan 9-0	R Fahey 7	3
3		KILIMANJARO BOB (J Crisp) R Williams 9-0	M Hills	2
4		NASIB (A Saiman) W O'Gorman 9-0	T Ives	5
6		PEATFOLD (Mrs W Tulloch) C Nelson 9-0	S Cauthen	10
7		PRINCE SKY (S Crown) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	8
8		SAMHAAN (B) (D Zawawi) B Hanbury 9-0	Pat Eddery	7
9		YELLOW BEAR (F Huma) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	4
10		BUY G'S (G Shropshire) J Winter 8-11	W R Swinburn	1
11		LADY BESSIE (Mrs J Hird) D Leslie 8-11	M Rimmer	11
14		YOUNG ANGEL (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-11	Gay Kelleway 5	9

1984: Tarabus 9-0 Pat Eddery (7-2) P Kelleway 11 ran.

2 Nasib, 7-2 Peatfold, 9-2 Buy G's, 8 Prince Sky, 8 Yellow Bear, 12 Young Angel, 14 others.

4.25 MARCH MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £822: 1m 4f) (6)

2	034-	CHAIKO (J Peradgou) R Williams 9-0	T Ives	5
3	330000-	DREAM MERCHANT (R Richards) C Brittain 9-0	P Robinson	1
4	000-	EAST STREET (B Grimes) W G M Turner 9-0	T Quinn	6
5	200-	KHALAN (A Saiman) S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	3
6	2042-00	NO LIMIT (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	4
7		CALORGE (E ST George) P Kelleway 8-11	Pat Eddery	2

1984: Wing And A Prayer 9-0 Pat Eddery (16-1) A Bailey 11 ran.

15-8 Calorga, 3 Khalan, 5 No Limit, 8 Chaikko, 10 Dream Merchant, 12 East Street.

4.55 E B F GREY FRIARS MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,206: 5f) (13)

1		AB–INITIO (Mrs W Pine) W Musson 9-0	13
2		CALCTUS (K Bethell) N Bess 9-0	M Miller 8
3		DUBLIN LAD (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-0	S Coogan 12
7		KING DENZIL (R Swift) R Williams 9-0	T Ives 4
9		ROYAL ROUSER (F Lee) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks 10
10		SLAN LEAT (P Rohan) P Rohan 9-0	L Charnock 7
11		TOMMY TOPHAM (R Topham) T Fairhurst 9-0	R P Elliott 5
12		ABSALOUTE SERVICE (T J Blakey Haulage) R Stubbs 8-11	M Beecroft 1
13		BERNIGRA GIRL (A Papotto) M Haynes 8-11	J Jenkinson 8
14		BLESSED AISLE (R Sangster) J Watts 8-11	B Thomson 17
15		JELDAIRE (Lady Wilson) P Rohan 8-11	C Dwyer 9
17		KNIGHT HUNTER (I Hunter) W Wharton 8-11	W Wharton 8
18		LA BELLE OF SANTO (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 8-11	M Fry 2

1984: Absent Chimes 9-0 P Robinson (20-1) D Thom 10 ran.

9-4 Blessed Aisle, 3 Royal Rouser, 5 Absaloute Service, 6 Dublin Lad, 8 Tommy Topham,

BANGOR-ON-DEE

GOING: good to soft

2.0 PENLEY NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £584: 2m 80yd) (18 runners)

3	u0	BASIL THYME T Bailey 5-11-1	Mr B Dowling 7	
5	p8	CONCLUSIVE G Richards 6-11-1	D Coakley 4	
8	4340	GUN-CARRIAGE A W Jones 5-11-1	Miss D Jones	
9		HABANNA D McCain 5-11-1	K Doolan 4	
10		HARLEY Miss Jaton 5-11-1	P Barry	
11	0040	HAVEN'S PRIDE M Cassell 6-11-1	M Bowlby 7	
12		HAWK'S LAD Mrs M O'Leary 11-11-1	C Price	
14	f-308	ONE-T-CORBET Lord Shrewsbury 6-11-1	P Warner	
26	00-	RYMERA W Wiston 5-10-10	R Crank	
28	1320	MERRY JANE (C) E Owen 4-10-9	R Stronge	
30	002	BRAVE WORDS (B) J A Edwards 4-10-7	P Blenkit	
31	043	DOWNTOWN HUSTLER D Ringer 4-10-7	S Mitchell	
32	08	EMMETTS PROVIDENCE W Charles 4-10-7	M Charles	
33	p20	GIFTED GIFT K Morgan 4-10-7	S Johnson	
34	6	LAMBOURN BOY S Mellor 4-10-7	B Powell	
37	8	REDDINGS LAD C Tinettine 4-10-7	J Suthern	
38	000f	SAUCY SIGNOR (B) W Clay 4-10-7	S J O'Neill	
40	020	CHEZZY GIRL S Mellor 4-10-2	–	

1984: King Jo 4-10-7 R Linley (2-5 fav) Mrs M Rimell 16 ran.

11-4 Merry Jane, 7-2 Chezzy Girl, 5 Gifted Gift, 6 Brave Words,

Bangor selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Conclusive. 2.30 Charlotte's Dunce. 3.0 Scottish Sound. 3.30 Counterlone. 4.0 Dromodan. 4.30 Jimmy Martin. 5.0 LISBONEY HILL (nap). 5.30 Big White Chief.

2.30 ERBISTOCK HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,515: 2m) (20)

1	0443-	JUNGLE JIM D Nicholson 7-12-6	–	
2	4-060	AMANTISA J Hanson 7-11-2	J Burke	
3	3000	TANCRED WALK (CD) C Jackson 6-11-2	A Brown	
5	3121	CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE M H Easterby 5-10-13	–	
6	0422	CONNAUGHT QUEEN (C) G Richards 5-10-10	D Coakley 4	
7	-0044	MOUNTAIN MAN R Brazington 8-10-10	C Jones	
8	20-00	LADY TUT T Bill 5-10-9	G Williams 7	
9	-0000	CYPRUS SKY W Clay 8-10-9	S J O'Neill	
10	4000	ENSIGNS KIT (CD) A Brisbourne 10-10-9	M Brisbourne	
15	0200	TOMMY TUDOR (B) R Hodges 5-10-4	R Linley	
16	2020	BATTEN B Palling 7-10-4	A Griffiths	
18	3100-	PURPLE FLASH D Ringer 5-10-0	S McNeill	
21	26p0	AN-GO-LOCK M Scudamore 6-10-0	m Williams	
22	0030	STAR ALLIANCE R Morris 7-10-0	W Morris	
23	p0u1	TEEAMY P Bevan 6-10-0	R Hatfield 7	
24	p000	SPOTSYLVANIA P Bevan 7-10-0	–	
26	4400	SHOUT J Spearing 5-10-0	A Webb	
27	3p00	LAUGH-A-MINUTE Mrs D Cullnam 6-10-0	–	
31	p000	INDIAN ISLE A Chamberlain 5-10-0	A Chamberlain 4	
32	1-p00	CHI MAI J Norton 5-10-0	G Markin 7	

1984: Johns Present 5-10-13 N Coleman (6-1) R Holder 15 ran.

9-4 Charlotte's Dunce, 7-2 Constant Queen, 5 Mountain Man,

3.0 ALTHREY WOODHOUSE CHALLENGE TROPHY (handicap chase: £1,814: 2m 4f 70yd) (15)

1	2160	JO COLOMBO Mrs W Sykes 10-11-12	H Davies	
2	0-330	SCOTTISH SOUND R Hodges 9-11-10	R Linley	
5	1360	CROWECOPPER (CD) B Preece 6-10-11	P Dowle	
6	0030	VALE CHALLENGE P Felgate 11-10-8	S J O'Neill	
7	42-02	SLEVE BRACKEN W Clay 9-10-7	–	
8	4210	ROYAL NORMAN (B) A Brisbourne 9-10-5	M Brisbourne	
10	31-03	EMMABEL J Spearing 11-10-3	P Warner	
11	3-(48	VILLIERSTOWN J Harrison 6-10-0	C Pimlott	
12	422u	SHAMROCK LODGE R Francis 9-10-0	R Crank	
13	3-424	GLEN MOY M Barraclough 10-10-0	G Wilkins 7	
15	3040	TIERNEY T Bill 7-10-0	J Bryan	
17	3000	DISHCLOTH (CD) Lady S Brooke 11-10-0	–	
19	3403	SAINT-MUSIN (B) Mrs D Cullnam 11-10-0	G Davies	
22	30p0	DEE PARK M James 10-10-0	J Suthern	
23	f0sp	BOWERY BABE C Tinsline 10-10-0	–	

1984: Dishcloth 10-10-4 M Nuttall (11-4) Lady S Brooke 8 ran.

3 Scottish Sound, 4 Jo Colombo, 6 Crowecopper, 7 Emmabel,

3.30 HUGH PEEL HUNTER CHASE (amateurs: £1,018: 3m 200yd) (13)

2	322/3	LINEFOLD (CD) Miss B Broad 14-12-6	Miss B Broad 7
5	-304A	COUNTERLONE J Docker 11-11-12	Mr C Brookes 7
8	/6P0-	ANOTHER SIMON A Gaydon 11-11-7	Mr T Gaydon 7
7	0p06-	BALLY TASK D Burchell 9-11-7	–
8	ppp0/	GOLDEN HERITAGE W Holden 13-11-7	–
9	/004-u	HIS REVERENCE B Powell 9-11-7	Mr J Scott 7
10	4/p-	JIMMY THOMPSON D Hockenhull 9-11-7	Mr S Dickin 7
11	u	LOWLAND CAVALIER Miss T Aucott 12-11-7	Miss T Aucott 7
18		RAUSAL T Bailey 6-11-7	Mr B Dowling 7
14	1/4p-p	SENTIMENTAL Mr D Dipple 10-11-7	Mr G James 7
15	/0p-1	TREBODED B Preece 9-11-7	Miss L Wallace 7
16	03s-4	LEXHAM VIEW J Hewitt 7-11-2	Mr R Hewitt 7
17	0	MISS WITHERS R S Taylor 11-11-2	Mr S Cunningham 7

1984: Spartan Rambler 7-11-13 Mr C O'Toole (9-2) H Hutsby 8 ran.

7-4 Counterlone, 11-4 Linenfold, 4 Lexham View, 6 Another Simon,

4.0 PENLEY NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £597: 2m 80yd) (18)

1	1160	AL KHASHAB P Bevan 8-12-1	–	
7	0	BROMWICH BOY L Barratt 5-11-1	R Crank	
10	00d	DROMODAN (BF) M H Easterby 5-11-1	J J O'Neill	
12	0	IVANTER T Bailey 5-11-1	Mr B Dowling 7	
13	p	LEA SPIRIT Mrs M O'Leary 11-11-1	C Price	
15	0-000	PAY ZONE J Hanson 5-11-1	–	
18	0460-	SALFORD VALUE Nicholson 6-11-1	–	
19	3463	SPERMAMO Mrs W Sykes 6-11-1	R Earnshaw	
20	242	STAR BURST R Francis 5-11-1	C Cowley 7	
22	000	TIXALL BOY W Clay 5-11-1	S J O'Neill	
27		QUEEN'S CLUB B Preece 7-10-10	R Stronge	
29	00	ANOTHER NORFOLK B McMahon 4-10-7	–	
30	000	BETTABLEND Capt J Wilson 4-10-7	Mrs G Rees	
33	000	CHESMAL D Burchell 4-10-7	C Seward	
34	230p	DARRU R Jeffrey 4-10-7	–	
35	0020	EASY MOVER (B) M Scudamore 4-10-7	M Williams	
39	00	STANITAS P Felgate 4-10-7	P Dever	
43		GREENACRES GIRL B A McMahon 4-10-2	T Wall	

1984: Ellen Greaves 5-10-3 J Duggan (7-2) R Fisher 10 ran.

6-4 Dromodan, 7-2 Star Burst, 5 Spertamo, 7 Al Khashab.

4.30 BOBBY O'NEILL NOVICE CHASE (Div I: £1,205: 3m 200yd) (11)

2	p0f4	BALLYGROOBY (B) R A Perkins 8-11-7	Dal Williams	
6	4006	ALANGROVE SOUND N Brookes 7-11-0	Mr N Brookes	
7	/60p0	BATTUE B Preece 10-11-0	R Stronge	
14	0006-	CUTTING COMMENT (B) S Holmes 10-11-0	B Wright	
17	bp0p-	GOLDROY W Whiston 6-11-0	R Crank	
18	0/030	JIMMY MARTIN Mrs M Martin 8-11-0	R Earnshaw	
20	0006	LIGHT DEMON G W Richards 8-11-0	D Coakley 4	
22	6u-6	RIVAL K Morgan 7-11-0	S Johnson	
28	pf	ASHA GROWN T Hall 8-10-8	–	
29	p6u	BLUE SPECKLE K White 7-10-9	S J O'Neill	
30	0606	CHEVRUILLAH D Tucker 5-10-9	–	

1984: Optimum 8-10-7 Mr M Meagher (11-2) R Fisher 9 ran.

7-4 Jimmy Martin, 5-2 Light Demon, 4 Ballygrooby, 6 Riva,

5.0 BOBBY O'NEILL NOVICE CHASE (Div II: £1,451: 3m 200yd) (10)

3	22p1	KING'S BING G Richards 9-11-7	D Coakley 4	
4	6-414	LISBONEY HILL T Forster 8-11-7	H Davies	
5	0p0p	SLAKE (B) W Clay 8-11-0	S J O'Neill	
12	0466	COME ON SONNY K White 6-11-0	M Brisbourne	
13	0-4f	COOL TRICKSTER R Jeffrey 9-11-0	–	
15	p03f	EDGINGTON J Parrin 7-11-0	R Chapman 4	
16	2-p0p	FRENCH LIEUTENANT N Stevens 8-11-0	A Webb	
24	60sf	SPRAGGE S Holmes 6-11-0	B Wright	
25	0-363	TOO OFTEN K Bridgwater 8-11-0	W Worthington 7	
32	4432	SMALL MONEY Mrs W Sykes 6-10-9	P Warner	

1984: No corresponding division.

10-11 King's Brig, 4 Lisboney Hill, 5 Come On Sonny, 6 Small Money.

5.30 ROGER FISHER STAKES (NH flat race: £760: 2m 80yd) (18)

4		BOGORA D Burchell 5-11-10	D Burchell 7	
7		GLENHOLME J Needham 5-11-10	A Hulland 7	
10		MASTER BARN T Hall 5-11-10	–	
11		OSBERN P Felgate 5-11-10	R Hatfield 7	
14		SCALLYWAGS PRIDE W Charles 5-11-10	Mr T Wallis-Power 7	
21		WILLI FYRS W O'Tiley 5-11-10	Mr J Tiley 7	
22	01	BIG WHITE CHIEF J F Smith 4-11-9	N Fearn 7	
23		FUEUR-DE-MAI M Cassell 5-11-5	Mr M Darby 7	
25		MILITARY GIRL R Evans 5-11-5	D Carsley 7	
27		MISTY MIST Mrs M Rimell 5-11-5	L Hicks 7	
33		ALICE'S BOY R Francis 4-11-2	Mrs S Aston	
35		EMPIRE WAY T Bill 4-11-2	G Williams 7	
38		JANSINTINE R Brazington 5-11-2	–	
47		TUDOR BEAM W Whelan 4-11-2	Mrs K Dickin 7	
51		CELTIC MERCY Mrs M Rimell 4-10-11	P Plumb 7	
55		MISS TOPEM C Miller 4-10-11	–	
57		NORTH GRANGE Mrs A Hewitt 4-10-11	J D Davies 7	
60		SHADY LEGACY R Morris 4-10-11	–	

1984: No corresponding race.

7-4 Big White Chief, 5-2 Misty Sunset, 4

HOCKEY

Middlesex bring Cattrall into squad

By Sydney Friskin

Middlesex have strengthened their defence by including Bob Cattrall in their squad for the county championship semi-final against Hertfordshire at the Willesden Stadium today. Cattrall was a member of the British Olympic bronze medal-winning team at Los Angeles. He replaces the injured Chris Iley.

It is in attack, however, that Middlesex have their strongest resources now sharpened by the New Zealander, Peter Miskimmin, well supported from behind by his brother, Brent. For the past two seasons they have reached the final and lost on penalty strokes. To reach the final again they must overcome a seasoned Hertfordshire side.

Earlier in the day Worcestershire will be opposed by Cambridgeshire in the other semi-final. Sobey leads the Cambridgeshire attack in which Graves, the captain, is also a potent factor.

Four Slough players, Knott, Maskery, Steve and Ken Partington are in a well-balanced Worcestershire side which includes Mallett, an England international in midfield. Their secret weapon in attack is Nissar Chaudhri from Pickwick. The final will be played at the same venue tomorrow starting at 2.30.

SIDELINES
Gordon Allan

Name as sharp as the pen

One of the earliest pen-names I encountered – apart from Sapper, Mark Twain, O Henry and the like – was Jack High. The man who used it was a retired bank manager who wrote about bowls in a morning paper I worked for, and it was in a sense my initiation into a game that became for me, a quarter of a century later, that envied combination, business and pleasure.

At about the same time that I was editing Jack High's copy (not that it needed much editing, for the banker knew his English as well as his bowls), I was helping out as a racing tipster known as The Colonel. This was my nearest approach to commissioned rank. Not long before, I had spent two years in the Army as a full private, having only once been threatened with promotion to lance-corporal. It was therefore a novel experience to masquerade as a full colonel who knew good horseflesh when he saw it, and doubtless had a distinguished war record.

My knowledge of racing, like my knowledge of the officers' mess, was nil, but I contrived now and then to pick a winner at a decent price, and my interest in the job grew to the point where I would buy an evening paper to discover as early as possible how my selections had run, if at all. Years afterwards, when I read that The Colonel had won some annual tipsters' award, I could not help speculating about his likely elevation to The General.

I like pen-names. There is an old-fashioned ring about them now, which adds to their potency. Besides being evocative, they are no less likely to be remembered by newspapers readers than the real names of correspondents. Did not Cardus make his early reputation as Cricketer?

If I had to write under pen-names about my two sports, rugby and bowls, I would choose Second Row and Marker. Those are not idle choices: there are reasons for both.

The rugby I played was the coarse kind, my customary position the second row, and after a while I realized that, as an incompetent player even by coarse standards, I had been stuck there to get me out of the way. A forward's mistakes are less glaring and costly than a back's.

Marker is different. In case you do not know the game of bowls, a marker's basic duties in a singles match are to place the jack, measure for the shot if necessary, keep the score, and say nothing unless asked by the players. Nobody says nothing more eloquently than I do. I enjoy marking and consider myself good at it. I would be happy to submerge my identity in the pen-name Marker.

It is not quite the same thing, but the participants in sport occasionally want to be called something else. At one hospitals rugby match the referee mentioned that he was supposed to be at work that afternoon and asked as not to publish his true name, for fear of the sack.

"What do you suggest instead?" I asked. "J. Smith (London)?"

"No, no, not Smith or Jones, please. The boss might see through it. I was thinking of A. Wol."

Slow on the uptake as usual, I looked blank. "A. Wol," I repeated, with tentative Teutonic pronunciation.

"Yes," the Referee said, "AWOL. Absent Without Leave."

MOTOR RACING

Dumfries back to reality of Silverstone

By Jeremy Shaw

The reigning British Formular Three champion, Johnny Dumfries, is among the leading contenders for what promises to be an exciting opening round of the new European Formular 3000 championship at Silverstone tomorrow.

Last week he tested a Formular One Ferrari in Italy. "Obviously it was a really good experience" said Dumfries. "The facilities at Maranello are much bigger and more lavishly equipped than any racing team workshops in England and one of the most striking features was the way in which they go out of the back door of the factory through an electronic gate and on to their very own test track".

Tomorrow he will drive one of Mike Earle's Onyx racing M85Bs. He established the fastest time during unofficial practice but will face stiff opposition from his own team mate Emanuele Pirro, from Italy, plus the works Ralt drivers Mike Thackwell and John Nielsen.

The former world motorcycle champion, Barry Sheene, will make his debut in a works supported Toyota Supra in the first round of the 1985 Trimoco RAC British saloon car championship.

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BIRTHS

ABRAHAMS – On 20th March, to Kathryn (nee Chetwynd-Talbot) and Anthony – a son (Thomas Anthony Talbot), brother to Amelia.

BARRINGTON WELLS. – On March 21st, to Rosemary and David, twin boys Sam and James, brothers for Nicholas, Ted & Gordon.

BROWNE – On 11th March 1985 to Margaret and Michael a son Frederick – a brother for Thomas.

DAY – On 20th March at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, to Morag and Richard – a daughter (Eleanor Catherine).

FERGIE. On March 21st to Ann (née Shillingford) and Mike, a daughter (Elizabeth Sophie, a sister for Louise and William.

GOLD On March 21st to Jennifer (nee Richardson) and Richard – a son (Alexander Leslie Fearon).

HOOPER – On March 8, to Monica and Brian, a son, Thomas Alexander, a brother for Matthew & Nicholas.

HUGHES' OWSLOW – On 21st March, to Christina (Lizy) and James – a son (Tunderwa).

JENNINGS – On Friday 22nd March 1985 at Birmingham Maternity Hospital to Shelly (nee Mogg) and Richard – a daughter (Eleanor Josepha Francis Benedict). Deo gratias.

MACFARLANE – On 19th March at Kingston Hospital to Mercedes (née Crowley) and Norman, a son, a brother for Barclay and Miranda.

MEADE – On March 19th, at The Royal United Hospital, Bath to Angela (nee Farquhar) and Richard – a daughter, sister for James and Harry.

PITT FORD – On March 19th, to Heather (nee Dickinson) and Tom, a son Charles, William.

SHUTTLEWORTH – On March 21st at The Westminster Hospital to Belinda (nee Gray) and William, a son (Thomas John Ashton).

STANBURY – On February 22nd at Kings College Hospital to Jennifer (née Harvie) and Adrian, a son, Edward Harvie.

WHITTAKER – On 20th March, to Philadelphia (née Mason) and Richard, a daughter. Iona Philadelphia.

DEATHS

ALLEN – Peggy, on March 20th, peacefully at home, beloved wife of the late Bill Allen and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday 29th March at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please, but contributions may be made to St Martin in the Field Social Service Unit, WC2.

BROWNE on 20th March, 1985, peacefully in Italy in her 87th year, Ethel, daughter of the late Honourable Evelyn and Mrs Stanhope, and widow of Major Alexander Browne. Memorial service in Florence. 18th May.

CODD – On March 20th at Paignton, Edwin much loved husband of Pearl and father of Gary. Cremation private.

COLT GWENDOLYN M. (SHAWN). – March 18, 1985, widow of Russell Griswold Colt, mother of the late Brian R. Gray, daughter of the late Stanislaus Morgan and Mary Claude Moran, nee Dogherty of Dublin. Interment private. Juniper Hill, Bristol, Rhode Island, USA. Please omit flowers.

DEANS – on March 19, 1985, suddenly at Plymouth, James Robert, son of the late Rev J and Mrs E J Deans. Funeral service on Friday March 29, at 12.30pm, at St Marylebone Cemetery, East End Road, East Finchley, N2. Flowers and enquiries may be sent to Leverton & Sons, 212 Evesham Street, London. NW1 (01-387 6075).

CONSTABLE MAXWELL – Suddenly at his home Ard-na-Coille, Resaurie, Beauly, on Wednesday, March 20, 1985, David Reginald Turville Constable Maxwell, aged 80 years. Knight of Malta. RIP. Beloved husband of Althea, much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral private in St Mary's RC Chapel, Eskadale, on Saturday, March 23rd, at 11.30am. Flowers to St Mary's Chapel, Eskadale, or donations to St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney, London.

DOVE – On March 18th 1985, suddenly in Northampton, Thomas Maxwell, aged 35 years, of Pipwell, Kettering, Northants. Husband of Lucy, father of Emily and Henry, son of Nellie. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday March 26th, at Dallington Church, Northampton, at 2.15 p.m. Family flowers only please.

FALLON – **DOROTHEA**, widow of Patrick Fallon and dearly beloved mother of Garrett, Brian, Conor, Niall, Ivan and Padraic. Peacefully on March 20th at the home of her son Brian in Wicklow. The funeral was in Kinsale on March 22.

FRAZER – On March 20th Walter FitzGerald Frazer, MRCS, LRCP, JP, beloved husband of Kate (nee Dickins) much loved father of Janet Jeremy, Joanna, Jonathan, and dear grandfather. Service at St Mary's, Shoreham-by-Sea, on March 26th at 12 noon. Family flowers only to Dawes Bros. Funeral Directors, Hereford. Or donations to Ewyas Harold Parish Church or Royal British Legion.

FREELAND. On March 20th in hospital, Jeffrey Barfield aged 63 of Ewyas Harold, Hereford, beloved husband of Barbara and devoted father of Simon and Helen. Funeral at Ewyas Harold, Tuesday March 26th at 12 noon. Family flowers only to Dawes Bros. Funeral Directors, Hereford. Or donations to Ewyas Harold Parish Church or Royal British Legion.

KELLY, HILDA (Pat) on March 20th, peacefully at St Stephens Hospital, Fulham; beloved wife of Laurence and mother of Diana (Baby), Michael and Ann (Richard). Any enquiries to 01 741 3333.

KNIGHT, Prof G R Wilson, CBE, at his home, Caroline House, Exeter, on March 20th, 1985, in his 88th year. Shakespearian Scholar, Fellow of the St Edmunds Hall, Oxford, Emeritus Professor of Literature, University of Leeds, and Chancellor's Professor of Literature, University of Toronto, Canada. Brother of late W F Jackson Knight. Funeral Service at the Spiritualist National Union Church, York Road, Exeter, Tuesday, March 26 at 1pm, followed by private cremation. Donations in lieu of flowers to Mrs Wynne Gillard, c/o The Spiritualist National Union Church, York Road, Exeter.

McALLISTER, JAMES On Wednesday, 20th March, 1985, aged 71 years, suddenly at home, Chippenham Lodge near Newmarket, Cambridgeshire. Funeral Service to be held at St Margarets Church, Chippenham on Tuesday 26th March at 2.30 pm, followed by interment at Ballochroy, Glenaray, Strathclyde, Scotland. Flowers to be sent to R & J Noakes, funeral directors, Phantom Corner, Chippenham, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

MILLER – on 21st March, suddenly at his home, John Meredith Miller, aged 80 years. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Tunbridge, Oxted, on Tuesday 26th March at 2pm.

MONIER – WILLIAMS – On March 20th 1985, peacefully after a short illness, at Holroyd Lodge Nursing Home, near Maidenhead, Berkshire, Violet (Vi) Monier-Williams, widow of Bill. Dearly loved mother of John and Jane and much loved grandmother. Funeral Service at Easthampstead Crematorium, Nottingham, on Thursday, March 28th. Donations, if desired, to RNLI Reigate Branch, c/o F G Pyman & Son, 68 Moorbridge Road, Maidenhead.

REYNOLDS – On 21st March 1985, peacefully at home in Portugal, VICTOR HUNTER, beloved husband of Natalie, father of Primrose and Clare and devoted grandfather. Funeral at St. George's Church, Lisbon, noon 23rd March.

SHEPHARD – Lt Col John Brownlow Shephard late DLI and RASC peacefully on 20th March 1985 aged 84 years. Much loved husband of Avis, father of Betty, Ann and Joan. He will always be happily remembered by his friends and his many grandchildren. Service at Wilford Hill Crematorium, Nottingham. Donations to Cancer Research.

WOLFE MURRAY, Lt-Col Malcolm, Black Watch (retired). On 20th March 1985, in hospital in Edinburgh. Devoted husband of the late Cecil and the late Chesnaitte and dear father of James, Angus and Tessa. Service at St John's Episcopal Church, West End, Edinburgh, on Monday 25th March, at 2 p.m. Interment thereafter, private.

FUNERALS

RIDGEAVE. – Sir Michael Ridgeave's funeral will be at Aberdeen Crematorium on Tuesday, March 26 at 11am.

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KATZ, Salo deceased – died 19th January 1985 late of 31 Ingram Avenue, London. NW11. Details to Messrs H. Davis & Co. 105 Park Street, London W1Y 4AA by 20th May 1985.

LELIEN, Jacques, deceased – died on 17th October 1980, late of 6 Carlisle Mansions, Carlisle Place, London SW1, details to Messrs H. Davis & Co. 105 Park Street, London. W1Y 4AA by 20th May 1985.

PUTNAM, ROBERT GEORGE of 16 Langford Court, Langford Place, St John's Wood, London. NW8, died on 2nd February 1985. Particulars to Kinch Richardson Lucas & Bailey, Solicitors of 8 Salisbury Court, Fleet Street, London. EC4Y 8AN. before 24th May, 1985.

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No. 00694 of 1985
IN THE MATTER OF ATTWOODS PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 20th day of January 1985 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company of £13,491,085.29 is £NIL.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Nourse of the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 1st day of April 1985.

ANY CREDITOR or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time to the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on the payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 20th day of March 1985.
GOULDENS, 01,
1-18 Chancery Lane,
London WC2A 1JJ
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

ALAN POULTON VIDEO GAMES LTD (In Voluntary Liquidation)
and the COMPANIES ACT, 1948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before Thursday, 25th April 1985 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned, Ian Peter Phillips, Arthur Andersen & Co. at PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2PS, the liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such Debts are proved.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Warwick Suite, Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, WC2 on Wednesday, 3 April 1985 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

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W. E. STARKEY,
Secretary.

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Dated this 6th day of March, 1985.
By Order of the Board.
P J M ROGERS,
Director.

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Dated 18th March, 1985.

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Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes
Summaries: Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1

6.45 **Open University.** Until 8.25.
8.30 **Roobarb** (r). 8.35 **Battle of the Planets.** Animated science fiction adventures (r).
9.00 **Saturday SuperStore** managed by Mike Read. The programme includes Frankie Goes to Hollywood's latest video; members of Tears for Fears are in attendance and there is a performance by Sal Solo with the London Community Gospel Choir. In addition, Mike Read travels on the Clan Line steam locomotive express to Stratford-upon-Avon; and there is advice on hamsters from Chris Henwood. 12.12 Weather.
12.15 **Grandstand** introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: 12.20 **Football Focus** with Bob Wilson; 12.45 News summary; 12.50 and 4.15 Boxing from London's Lyceum; plus an interview with Barry McGuigan; 1.25, 1.55, and 2.25 Racing from Newbury; 1.40, 2.10, 2.40 and 4.30 Snooker: the final of the Guinness World Cup; 2.50 Ice Hockey: Fife against Murrayfield; 3.30 and 3.55 Rugby League: Wigan play Hull KR for a place in the Silk Cup Challenge Final; 3.50 Half-time scores and reports; 4.50 Final score.
5.05 News with Jan Leeming. Weather. 5.15 Sport/Regional news.
5.20 **Doctor Who.** Colin Baker stars in a two-part adventure, Revelation of the Daleks (Ceefax).
6.05 **Jim'll Fix It.** Among those for whom Jimmy Savile fixes it, in the last programme of his series, is a girl to become one of Roy Plomley's castaways; and a woman to become a 10th-century Lady of the Manor for a day.
6.40 **The Laughter Show** presented by the two talented impressionists, Les Dennis and Dustin Gee. Their guests are comedian Greg Rogers and Harvey and the Wallbangers.
7.15 **One by One.** The final episode of the series and broken heaters threaten the lives of giraffes and the trainer of a flea circus loses all his acts (Ceefax).
8.05 **Dynasty.** Fallon is still missing after her flight from the altar and Alexis is still languishing in prison, waiting to be bailed out (Ceefax).
8.50 **Bergerac.** An ex-prisoner takes his son on holiday to Jersey without permission from his ex-wife, the boy's guardian, or his own probation officer. Bergerac is reluctant to hunt the pair on what seems to be just a technical law infringement, but there is more to the case than meets the eye (r) (Ceefax).
9.45 News and Sport. Weather.
10.00 *Film: Dog Day Afternoon (1975) starring Al Pacino and John Cazale. Thriller, based on a real case, about a Brooklyn bank robbery, planned by the gang leader to help finance his male lover's sex change, that goes fatally wrong. Directed by Sidney Lumut.*
12.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Henry Kelly, starts with a cartoon. News at 6.30, 7.00 and 8.00; sport at 6.4 and 7.04; David Bellamy discusses conservation at 6.35; Jane Asher's cooking hints at 7.30; and travel advice from Alison Rice at 7.45.
8.30 **The Wide Awake Club.**

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9.25 **LWT Information 9.30 Cartoon Time** (r) 9.35 **Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo.** Cartoon series 10.00 No 73. Fun and games and cartoons.
11.05 **The Fall Guy.** Colt Seavers is in Yugoslavia to protect his sister from killers who believe she may be able to identify them.
12.00 **World of Sport** introduced by Dickie Davies. The line-up is: 12.05 and 1.55 **Motor Cycling:** the South African 500cc and 250cc Grand Prix; 1.05 News 1.10 **On the Ball** with Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves; 1.40 **Skiing:** the Men's Downhill from Panorama, Canada; 2.10, 2.40 and 3.10 **Racing from Doncaster;** 2.25, 2.55 and 3.30 **Darts:** the Diamond Bitter Nations Cup from the Alexandra Pavilion, London; 3.45 Half-time football scores and reports; 4.00 **Wrestling:** two bouts from Croydon 4.45 Results.
5.00 News and sport.
5.05 **Blockbusters** General knowledge game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.35 **Robin of Sherwood.** Part three of the six-episode drama series and, with the Sheriff away in London, his brother, Abbot Hugo, takes charge (Oracle).
6.05 **International Snooker.** Highlights of frames one to eight in the best of 17-frame final of the Guinness World Cup.
6.40 **The Fame Game.** Talent contest introduced by Tim Brooke-Taylor with Stan Boardman.
7.20 **All Star Secrets,** featuring Lennie Bennett, Maureen Lipman, Spike Milligan, Claire Rayner and Leslie Thomas (Oracle).
7.50 **T J Hooker.** The policeman's colleague, Stacy, is suspended after mislaying the proceeds from a drugs raid. Hooker believes that it is Stacy's fiance who is behind the theft.
8.45 **The Price is Right.** Game show presented by Leslie Crowther.
9.45 News and sport.
10.00 **Aspel and Company.** Michael Aspel's guests are Billy Connolly, Jimmy Tarbuck and Christopher Reeve.
10.50 **London news headlines** followed by **Auf Wiedersehen, Pet.** The brickies take a weekend break in the German countryside where they meet a mysterious Englishman (r) (Oracle).
11.50 **Magnum: Letter for a Duchess.** Higgins sends a note to an English duchess travelling incognito on the island, but she believes the missive comes from Magnum.
12.45 **Bizarre.** Off beat comedy from the American, John Byner.
1.10 **New from London.** The Chameleons in concert.
2.05 **Night Thoughts.**



Fredric March: The Adventures of Mark Twain (Channel 4, 1.55 pm). And Diana Dors: Tread Softly Stranger (Channel 4, 11.00 pm)

BBC 2

6.25 **Open University.** Until 3.10.
3.10 **Film: Stromboli*** (1949) starring Ingrid Bergman and Mario Vitale. Drama about a displaced Lithuanian, desperate to avoid a life on the streets, who marries an Italian fisherman. But she finds life with him on the island of Stromboli too stifling and plans to escape from her oppressive, possessive, husband. Directed by Roberto Rossellini.
4.30 **Film: It Started in Naples** (1960) starring Clark Gable, Sophia Loren and Vittorio de Sica. Gable plays an American lawyer who is in Naples attempting to become the guardian of a delinquent orphan. But he finds his plans thwarted at every turn by the child's highly strung Aunt Lucia. Directed by Melville Shavelson.
6.05 **International Snooker.** Highlights of frames one to eight in the best of 17-frame final of the Guinness World Cup.
7.00 **The Day the Universe Changed.** Part one of James Burke's new ten part examination of the origins of modern Western attitudes and institutions (shown last Tuesday).
7.50 News and Sport. With Jan Leeming. Weather.
8.05 **Film: Modesty Blaise** (1966) starring Monica Vitti in the title role, Terence Stamp as her sidekick, Willie Garvin, and Dirk Bogarde as their enemy, the sinister Gabriel. Modesty and Willie are hired by the government to protect a cache of diamonds en route to an Arab state. Directed by Joseph Losey.
10.00 **Harty Goes to . . . Tyneside.** Russell Harty meets one of the more famous daughters of Newcastle, top-selling authoress, Catherine Cookson. Miss Cookson talks about her life and career, and the changing face of the city she adores.
10.30 **International Snooker.** Frames nine to 17 in the final of the Guinness World Cup. The commentators at the Bournemouth International Centre are Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton.
11.45 **Rugby Special.** Highlights of the Gloucester/Bath match in the semi-final of the John Player Special Cup. Ends at 12.40.

CHANNEL 4

1.05 **Black and White and Read All Over.** Part one of a series on children's books (r).
1.30 **The Making of Britain.** The penultimate programme in the series on life in medieval Britain examines how the written word became part of everyday life.
1.55 **Film: The Adventures of Mark Twain*** (1944) starring Fredric March and Alexis Smith. A biography of the celebrated writer. Directed by Irving Rapper.
4.20 **Film: Position of Trust*** (1965) starring Imogen Hassell, Peter Barkworth and Derrick Sherwin. Thriller about a young man who becomes involved with a French woman and ends up the victim of a blackmail threat. Directed by Lionel Harris.
5.05 **Brookside** (r).
6.00 **The Other Side of the Tracks.** Dionne Warwick talks to Paul Gambaccini about her career; plus a profile of radio pioneer Rick Sklar.
7.00 **News** summary and weather, followed by **Union World.** Anne Lester reports from the United States on the declining influence of unions.
7.30 **Credo** with the results of a survey of moral attitudes and an examination of the way people's attitudes have changed. These results are discussed by Baroness Warnock, Norman St John Stevas and the Bishop of Birmingham.
8.30 **My World. . . .and Welcome to It.** Comedy series, based on the writings of James Thurber.
9.00 **The Green Line.** Part one of a two-programme series in which Cypriots living in Britain remember the events of a decade ago when their island was divided by a coup.
10.00 **Hill Street Blues.** Hunter's car is stolen and becomes the focus of a siege when an armed man with his young son camp inside it with a policewoman as hostage.
11.00 **Film: Tread Softly Stranger*** (1958) starring Diana Dors, George Baker and Terence Morgan. Thriller about a young man who embezzles money in order to entertain his brassy girlfriend. With his brother (in debt to bookmakers) they plan a robbery that goes dramatically wrong. Directed by Gordon Parry.
12.45 **Dadarama.** Dave's Bike.
12.50 **Closedown.**

BBC 1

6.45 **Open University.** Until 8.50.
8.55 **The Flumps.** For the very young (r). 9.10 **Taking Stock.** The second of five films on being aged over fifty in the Eighties (r). 9.35 **Business Club.** The first in a series of programmes for people with small businesses (r).
10.00 **Asian Magazine.** 10.30 **Use Your Head.** Advice on using the brain to its full potential (r). 10.55 **Greek Language and People.** Part two, Ordering a Meal (r).
11.20 **Lent Service** from the De La Salle College of Higher Education, Hopwood Hall, Middleton. 12.05 **Mr Smith's Indoor Garden.** Geoffrey Smith with advice on, among others, the rubber plant and the Swiss cheese plant. 12.30 **Farming.** 12.53 Weather.
12.55 **News headlines.** 1.00 **Cartoon: Tom and Jerry.** 1.10 **EastEnders.** A compilation of the week's episodes (Ceefax).
2.10 **Football: The Milk Cup Final.** Jimmy Hill introduces coverage of the game at Wembley Stadium between Norwich City and Sunderland. The commentator is Barry Davies.
4.30 **Bonanza.** An old friend of the Cartwrights, Rose Beckett, arrives at the Ponderosa, an event that seems to arouse unusual interest in a US Army major.
5.20 **Cartoon.**
5.25 **The Pickwick Papers.** The final episode and Mr Pickwick, having paid his fine, is released from prison and returns to his old friends and haunts (Ceefax).
5.55 **Holiday.** This last programme of the series includes reports from France and Torquay.
6.30 **News** with Jan Leeming. Weather.
6.40 **Songs of Praise** from St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Leyland, Lancashire (Ceefax).
7.15 **Last of the Summer Wine.** The retired trio put their heads together to try and come up with an idea to enhance Sid's image in the eyes of wife Ivy (r) (Ceefax).
7.45 **Juliet Bravo.** Insp. Kate Longton has trouble with a supermarket manager who insists on prosecuting an old-age pensioner and who refuses to stop stocking a glue that is used by youngsters to sniff (r) (Ceefax).
8.35 **Mastermind.** The last of the first round programmes. The specialist subjects are the English Civil War, 1641 to 1647; the life and travels of Amy Johnson; the life and works of William Lilly, 1602-1681; and the spy novels of John le Carre. Introduced by Magnus Magnusson from the Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh.
9.05 News with Jan Leeming. Weather.
9.20 **That's Life.** Consumer affairs programme presented by Esther Rantzen.
10.05 **The Rock Gospel Show,** presented by Sheila Walsh, includes film of America's top gospel group, Petra.
10.40 **The Coming of Age.** The first of five films for the older viewer.
11.30 **The Dying Swan.** A documentary about one man's efforts to save injured or dying swans (first shown on BBC East).
12.00 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.55 **Good Morning Britain,** presented by David Frost, begins with a Thought for Sunday. 7.02 **Rub-a-Dub-Tub** (r); news at 8.00; cartoon at 8.02; a review of the morning newspapers at 8.40; Jeni Barnett's pick of the week at 8.50; David Frost interviews Roy Hattersley at 9.02.

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9.25 **LWT Information. 9.30 Crafts Made Simple.** Ken Foord with tips on Plaster Carving (r). 10.00 **Morning Worship** from the Chapel of Trinity and All Saints College, Horsforth, near Leeds. 10.45 **God's Story.** A child's introduction to the Old Testament (r).
11.00 **Getting On.** How will the government's plan to limit the number of brand-name drugs available to the National Health Service affect the elderly? 11.30 **Coping.** The strains put on a son who looks after his elderly and increasingly infirm mother.
12.00 **Weekend World.** Has the Budget done enough to tackle Britain's economic problems? Among those in the studio is Nigel Lawson. 1.00 **Police 5.** More clues to unsolved crimes in the London area, presented by Shaw Taylor. 1.15 **The Smurfs.**
1.30 **Survival: The Silver Trumpeter.** The story of the revival of Trumpeter Swans.
2.00 **Encounter.** A profile of deaconess Margaret Cundiff who would like to become a Church of England priest.
2.30 **London news headlines** followed by **Film: The Pink Panther Strikes Again** (1976) starring Peter Sellers and Herbert Lom. Inspector Dreyfus escapes from the lunatic asylum and plots his revenge on Clouseau. Directed by Blake Edwards.
4.30 **Supergran.** Fantasy children's series starring Gudrun Ure and Iain Cuthbertson (Oracle).
5.00 **Bullseye.** Darts and general knowledge game presented by Jim Bowen.
5.30 **Hart to Hart.** The two darling detectives agree to pretend to be their servant's servants when he meets his long time pen-pal for the first time.
6.30 **News.**
6.40 **Appeal** on behalf of the Mental Health Foundation by Angharad Rees and Martyn Lewis.
6.45 **Highway.** Sir Harry Secombe in King Street, Bristol.
7.15 **The Practice.** Drama serial set in a modern Health Centre in the north of England (Oracle).
7.45 **Game for a Laugh.** Members of the public find themselves in more embarrassing situations.
8.45 **Cover Her Face.** The final episode of the P. D. James thriller starring Roy Marsden as Adam Dalgleish (Oracle).
9.45 **News.**
10.00 **Spitting Image.** Wicked topical satire.
10.30 **The South Bank Show.** Melvyn Bragg in conversation with David Mamet, one of America's leading playwrights.
11.30 **London news headlines** followed by **Breadline Britain.** Why do those born poor in Britain remain poor?
12.25 **Hardcastle and McCormick.** Two of Hardcastle's former classmates are murdered and the judge's life is in danger.
1.15 **Night Thoughts.**



Len Baker, who runs the world's biggest swan rescue service, appears in The Dying Swan (BBC 1, 11.30 pm)

BBC 2

6.25 **Open University.** Until 1.55.
1.55 **Horizon: Careering On.** A documentary that follows the fortunes of six young people who took O-level science seven years ago. What are they doing now? (shown last Monday).
2.45 **Film: Heller in Pink Tights** (1960) starring Sophia Loren and Anthony Quinn. Comedy western about a troupe of odd-ball actors touring the mid-West during the 1880s. Directed by George Cukor.
4.25 **Bridge Club** introduced by Jeremy James. Improve your game with Jeremy Flint and members of the Bristol Bridge Club.
4.50 **Motor Racing.** The Marlboro Daily Express International Trophy from Silverstone. The first round of the European Formula 3000 Championship. The commentators are Murray Walker and Tiff Needell.
5.25 **The IAAF World Cross Country Championships** from Lisbon. How will England's nine-man team fare and how will Zola Budd get on in the ladies event? The commentators are Ron Pickering, Stuart Storey and Brendan Foster.
6.00 **News Review** with Jan Leeming.
6.30 **The Money Programme,** presented by Brian Widlake and Valerie Singleton. There are items on whether or not Unesco can survive, and on a new breed of totter, people who are making a handsome living from selling electronic scrap.
7.15 **In Search of the Trojan War.** Part five of Michael Wood's series investigating the truth behind Homer's description of the Trojan Wars examines the Foreign Office records of the Hittite emperors.
8.15 **Favourite Things.** Roy Plomley in conversation with Lady Antonia Fraser at her west London home.
8.45 **Harty Goes To . . . Tyneside.** Russell Harty visits Lumley Castle and listens to the Felling Male Voice Choir.
9.15 **Did You See . . .?** EastEnders, Late Starter and Spitting Image are discussed by David Lodge, Michael Palin and Dorothy Hobson. Presented by Ludovic Kennedy.
10.05 **The Executioner's Song.** The second and final part of the drama adapted from the book on Gary Gilmore by Norman Mailer, and Gilmore is sentenced to death for the motel manager murder. Gilmore demands the firing squad, but legal moves are afoot to commute the sentence. Ends at 11.40.

CHANNEL 4

1.05 **Irish Angle.** Emyr Daniel in conversation with Bibi Baskin, editor of Ireland's first national Sunday newspaper published in the Irish language, Anois.
1.30 **Face the Press.** Eric Hammond, general secretary of the EETPU, is questioned by Philip Bassett, labour correspondent of the Financial Times and James Naughtie, political correspondent of The Guardian. Anthony Howard is in the chair.
1.55 **The Best of CLR James.** The octogenarian West Indian historian lectures on Africa, using knowledge gained by half a century of personal involvement with African liberation.
2.20 **Film: Rat Trap** (Elippathayam) (1981). The story of Unni, the last male descendant of a declining feudal household in Kerala, who is looked after by two younger sisters, Rajamma and Sridevi. Directed by Ador Gopalakrishnan. Malayalam dialogue. English subtitles.
4.35 **Dadarama.** Spaces Four.
5.00 **The Amateur Naturalist** Gerald and Lee Durrell explore aspects of the hedgerow on an English summer's day (r).
5.30 **News** summary and weather followed by **The Business Programme.** Colin Chapman reports from Japan on new materials which will revolutionise industry by replacing metals and plastics.
6.15 **Basketball.** Live coverage of the second half of the Scottish Championship final from Falkirk.
7.15 **Fragile Earth: Alyeska.** A documentary about how Alaska's flora and fauna have learnt to cope with an icy winter that lasts for eight months (r).
8.15 **Super Troupers.** The last programme of the series includes Kenneth Williams as Lancashire comedian, Frank Randle, and Sheila Staefel as Beatrice Lilly.
9.15 **Guitarral** Julian Bream with second part of his history of the Spanish guitar.
9.45 **City General.** The sixth and final programme in the series on Stoke's City General Hospital.
10.20 **Film: The Browning Version*** (1951). A tribute to the late Sir Michael Redgrave. One of his most moving performances as the classics master who is hated by his unfaithful wife, his headmaster and his pupils. Based on the play by Terence Rattigan and directed by Anthony Asquith.
12.05 **Dadarama.** Nmurter.
12.15 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

On long wave. † also denotes VHF stereo.
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News briefing; Weather. 6.10 Prelude. 6.30 *News; Farming.* 6.50 Prayer. 6.55 Weather; Travel.
7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.45 In Perspective. 7.50 Down To Earth. 7.55 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers. 8.15 Sport on 4. 8.48 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway. Bernard Falk with a practical guide to holiday-making.
9.50 News Stand. Francis Wheen reviews the weekly magazines.
10.05 The Week in Westminster. Robert Carvel, Political Editor of the London Standard, reviews the past week in Parliament.
10.30 Pick of the Week. TV and radio extracts selected by Margaret Howard.†
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent.
12.00 News; Money Box. How the Budget affects you, with Louise Botting.
12.27 Nineteen Ninety-Four. A 6-part serial by Richard Turner and William Osborne, starring Robert Lindsay (new series). 12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions? chaired by John Timpson in Worksop, Nottinghamshire. With MPs John Cunningham and Nicholas Winterton; Max Hastings and Brenda Dean (r). 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; The Afternoon Play 'Jump!' by Ken Whitmore. With Kathleen Helme and George A. Cooper. A comedy about a simple lad who receives a warning from a mote that the world will be destroyed unless everyone jumps in the air at the same time. Cast also includes Freddie Jones and Judy Bennett (r).†
2.50 Just The Job. John Lashford explains why he likes being a butcher.
3.00 News; Funny You Should Sing That, with Jeremy Nicholas.
3.30 The Countryside in Spring. Magazine about the world of nature.
4.15 Home-ing In. The d-i-y programme reports from this year's *Daily Mail* Home Exhibition. With Tony Wilkins, Jack Widgery and David Holloway. Presented by Marjorie Lofthouse.
4.45 Bolshoi Tyshinsky No 26. Bill Campbell recalls his life in a Moscow apartment.
5.00 Wildlife.†
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Travel.
6.00 News; incl. Sports Round-up.
6.25 Desert Island Discs. The castaway is Richard Eyre, theatre, film and tv director.†
7.05 Stop The Week with Robert Robinson. Includes a song by Instant Sunshine.†
7.45 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with recordings.
8.30 Saturday Night Theatre. 'Willy's Wild Oats' by Jack Gratus. Starring Hadly Goodall as William Whiteley, founder and owner of one of London's first department stores who was shot in his office by a young man who said he was Whiteley's bastard son.†
9.45 The Enchanted Garden narrated by Andrew Sachs. 9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Evening Service. With Father Desmond Wilson, and the Renaissance Singers. †
10.30 Soundings. A report on a topical religious or moral issue.
11.00 Science Now. Review of scientific discoveries and developments with Peter Evans.
11.30 In One Ear. Live comedy. 12.00-12.15am News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.
VHF (available in England and S Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Programme News. 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Aubade: Rossini's overture La Cenerentola; Mozart's Quartet for oboe and strings in F, K 370 (Koch/Brainin/Schidlof/Lovett); Greig's Wedding Day at Troldhaugen, Op 65 No 6 (Ogdon, piano); Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme (Rostropovich/Berlin PO under Karajan); Bizet's Au fond du temple saint, from Pearl Fishers (Bjorling/Merrill); Delibes's ballet suite from Coppelian (Berlin PO under Karajan); Gluck's Divinites du Styx, Alceste (Callas); Bach's ballet suite The Wise Virgins, arranged Walton (Cleveland Orchestra/ Lane); Bernstein's overture Candide (Los Angeles PO under the composer). †
8.00 News.
8.05 Record Review: with Paul Vaughan. Includes a consumers' guide to recordings of Rachmaninov's Piano Concerton No 2. And Alan Blyth on Lieder recordings. And Arnold Whittall reviews new records of music for one or two pianos.†
10.15 Stereo Release: Brahms's Abendregen: Meine Liebe ist grun: Feldeinsamkeit (Price/Lockhart); Strauss's Five Songs Op 32 (Fischer-Dieskau); Stravinsky's Petrushka, piano duet version (Markham/Nettle). †
11.20 Salzburg Festival 1984: Anne-Sophie Mutter (violin), Vienna Philharmonic (under Karajan). Part one. Vivaldi's The Four Seasons. † Interval reading at 12.05.
12.10 Concert. Part two. Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6 (Pathetique). †
1.00 News.
1.05 A Lenten Sequence: English anthems from four centuries by Purcell, Blow William Croft, Jonathan Battishill, S S Wesley, Ireland, W G Whittaker, Roray Boyle. Performed by BBC Singers (Cleobury conducting), with John Scott (organ).†
2.00 Otto Klemperer: he conducts performances on record of works including Beethoven's Symphony No 7 (Philharmonia); Wagner's Walther's Prize Song from Mastersingers and Lohengrin's Narrative, Act 3 (Jozsef Simandy, tenor); Liszt's Piano Concerto No 1 (Annie Fischer); Strauss's Metamorphosen; and Mahler's Das himmlische Leben (Symphony No 4), sung by Schwarzkopf).
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton.†
5.45 Critics' Forum: Jonathan Raban (in the chair) and Nigel Andrews, John Peter and Hilary Spurling discuss, inter alia, Radio 4's comedy series the Wordsmiths at Gorsemere; and David Lean's film of A Passage to India.
6.35 Pinchas Zukerman (violin) with Marc Neikrug (piano). Part one Mozart's Sonata in F K 376; and Sonata in E minor, K 304.
† Interval reading at 7.05.
7.10 Recital: part two. Franz Xavier Mozart Sonata in E Op 19; and Franck's Sonata in A. †
8.00 Orchestral music: Works by Geoffrey Bush. The overture Yorick (New Philharmonia, under Handley); and Music for Orchestra (LPO under Handley).
8.30 Early Music Centre Festival 1984: London Fortepiano Trio, with Jan Schlapp (viola). Part one. Mozart's Piano-Quartet in G minor, K 478; and Piano Trio in E, K 542. Interval reading at 9.20.
9.25 Early Music Centre Festival: part two. Mozart's Duet for violin and viola in B flat, K 424; Piano Quartet in E flat, K 493. †
10.15 Thomas Trotter: organ recital. First movement of Widor's Symphony No 5 Op 42; Bach's Concerto in G, BWV 592; Thalben-Ball's Variations on theme of Paganini; overture to Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg.†
11.00 Norway after Grieg: Excerpts from Arne Nordheim's Tempest music, with Susan Campbell, Christopher Keyte (bass), South German Radio Chorus and Orchestra (under Charles Darden). †
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.
VHF only: 5.35am until 6.55am. Open University. Organic Chemistry.

Radio 2

On medium wave. †also VHF stereo. News on the hour until 1.00pm, then from 6.00 (except 8.00pm and 9.00). Headlines 6.30am, 7.30, 4.00am David Dunning.† 5.00 George Ferguson.† 8.05 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Sounds Of The 60s.† 11.00 Album Time with Peter Clayton†incl 11.02 Sports Desk. 1.00pm The Impressionists. 1.30 Sport On 2. Includes Motor Cycling: (South African Grand Prix), Rugby League: Racing from Doncaster and Football. 6.00 Folk on 2 (Tom Paxton and Friends). 7.00 Beat The Record. 7.30 Gala Concert (direct from the Royal Festival Hall, London). With Peter Skellern, Pia Zadora, and Richard Clayderman. 9.30 Big Band Special.† 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Steve Jones.† 12.05am Night Owls.† 1.00 Peter Dickson.† 3.00-4.00 Wally Whyton introduces Country Concert.†

Radio 1

On medium wave. †also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from 12.30pm then 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12 midnight 6.00am Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00pm Punk to Present (10) "Adventures in Modern Recording. With Trevor Horn, and featuring Tony Swaine, Steve Levine, Robin Millar and Martin Rushent. 2.00 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Saturday Live.† 8.30 In Concert (featuring Killing Joke and The Lucy Show). 7.30 Phil Kennedy (including Terraplane and Pookah Makes Three). 9.30-12.00am Dide Peach. VHF RADIOS 1 & 2 4.00am With Radio 2. 1.00pm With Radio 1. 7.30-12.00am With Radio 2.

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6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty Four Hours. 7.30 From The Weeklies. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 A Jolly Good Show. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Romantic Piano. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 That's Trad. 10.15 Letter From America. 10.30 People and Politics. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 About Britain. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Country Music Profile. 2.00 News Summary. 2.01 Music Now. 2.30 Album Time. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special. 5.00 News Summary. 5.01 Saturday Special. 8.00 World News. 8.15 What's New. 8.30 People And Politics. 10.09 World News. 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.45 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letterbox. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Baker's Half Dozen. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Play Of The Week: The Black Hermit. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Sackbuts And Sinfonias. 2.30 Sports Review. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 3.30 My World. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Out on the Floor. 5.45 Letter From America.

(All times in GMT)

Regional television variations are on the facing page

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also denotes VHF stereo.
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News briefing; Weather. 6.10 Prelude.† 6.30 News; Morning has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel.
7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Over News Leaves. 7.55 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Gloria Hunniford appeals on behalf of the National Eczema Society. 8.55 Weather.
9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter from America, Alistair Cooke.
9.30 Morning Service from Chandler's Ford Methodist Church, Hampshire.
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11.15 Weekend.
12.00 Smash of the Day: 'Life with the Lyons' (Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon) (r).
12.30 The Food Programme. Derek Cooper discusses shellfish. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World this Weekend: News.
2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Listeners' questions.
2.30 Afternoon Play. A Good Man in Africa, by William Boyd with Alan Rickman and Alison Steadman. The story of a minor diplomat. (r)
4.00 News; The One Great Scorer. David Bean meets the Penrith Ladies' Hockey Team.
4.30 The Living World.
5.00 News; Travel.
5.05 Down Your Way. Brian Johnston visits Nuneaton in Warwickshire. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 Feedback. Colin Semper airs listeners' comments.
6.30 Bookshelf with Hunter Davies.
7.00 Travel; The Gold of the Conqueror. James Hamilton is up to his neck in the politics of Dorada in episode 3 of Colin Shaw's 6-part serial. With Helena Breck and Norman Jones.†
7.30 Law in Action in with Joshua Rozenburg.
7.55 A Voice Crying in the Wilderness. Series of Lent talks by Dr Denys Turner, Lecturer in Theology, Bristol University.
8.10 In Praise of God – For Passiontide. Rev Philip Ursell introduces words and music, with the BBC singers.
9.00 News; The Astonishing History of Troy Town by Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch. Final episode of a three-part dramatization.†
10.00 News.
10.15 Workforce. Brian Redhead's quarterly report on unemployment includes an interview with Lord Young.
11.00 Life's Calvaries. The Rev Richard Harris follows in the footsteps of some unexpected pilgrims on the road to Calvary.
11.15 Inside Parliament. 12.00-12.15am News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 6.45-7.45 Open University: 6.45 The Hindu Temple. 7.25 Music Interlude. 1.55-2.00pm Programme News. 4.00-6.00 Study on 4: 4.00 Prefaces to Shakespeare. 4.30 View at the Top. 5.00 The Mosquito is Winning. 5.30 Conversations with Domingo.†.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Mozart and Ravel: Recordings of Mozart's Symphony No 30, K 202 and the Oboe Concerto in C, K 314. Also Ravel's La valse; (played by the Paris Orchestra under Barenboim). Soloist in the Mozart oboe concerto is Heinz Holliger.†
8.00 Artur Schnabel: the pianist, on records, with Karl-Ulrich Schnabel (piano) plays Schubert's March in G minor for piano duet, D 819, No 2; Moments musicaux, D 780, Nos 4 to 6; Marche militaire in D for piano duet, D 733, No 1.
9.00 News.
9.05 Your Concert Choice: William Lawes's Sonata No 8 in D (Consort of Musicke); Elgar's Violin Sonata (Sammons/Murdoch); Britten's Songs from A Birthday Hansel (Pears/Ellis); Bridge's String Quartet No 3 (Allegri).†
10.30 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes Paul Griffiths on Pierre Boulez at 60; and Christopher Kite and Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich on Beethoven at the piano. Plus Hugh Macdonald on the problem of repeats in music.†
11.15 From the 1984 Proms: Royal Philharmonic (under Weller), with Krystian Zimerman (piano). Part one. Dvorak's The Noonday Witch; and Martinu's Symphony No 4. † Interval reading at 12.05.
12.10 Proms 1984: Brahm's Piano Concerto No 2. †
1.05 Haydn and Dvorak Quartets: the Lindsay String Quartet play Haydn's Quartet in C, Op 33 No 3 (The Bird); and Dvorak's Quartet in E flat, Op 51. †
2.00 Liszt: John Bingham (piano) plays song and operatic transcriptions, including Liszt's Reminiscences de Norma; Schumann's Fruhlingsnacht; and Chopin's Six Polish Songs from Op 74. †
2.45 BBC Scottish SO (under Maksymiuk), with Arve Tellefsen (violin). Part one. Vaughan Williams's Fantasia on a theme by Thomas Tallis; and Mozart's Symphony No 39. † Interval reading at 3.40.
3.45 BBC Scottish SO: part two. Dallby's Nozze de Primavera; and Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D. †
4.45 Lieder from the 1984 Salzburg Festival, with Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (baritone) and Hartmut Holl (piano). Schumann's Liederkreis Op 39 and other works. †
5.30 Roots Writ Large: Professor Lewis Wolpert in conversation with Professor Stephen Jay Gould of Harvard University.
6.00 London Sinfonietta at St John's Smith Square (Rattle conducting). Ligeti's Ramifications; and George Benjamin's At first light (first performance). † Also Ligeti's Preludes and Fugue. †
7.10 Le Petite Bande (under Kuijken). C P E Bach's Symphony in C Wq 182 No 3; Mozart's Divertimento in B flat K 137; and Franz Beck's Sinfonia in D minor, Op 3 No 5. †
8.00 In the Ruins: a monologue by Nick Dear, spoken by Nigel Stock as the aged George III addressing his imaginary Court.
9.00 Le Astuzie Femminili: first United Kingdom broadcast performance of Cimarosa's two-act opera. Sung in Italian. Recorded at last year's Wexford Festival. Gyorgy Fischer conducts the RTE Symphony Orchestra. The soloists include Susanna Rigacci (as the heroine, Bellina), with Raul Gimenez (as her lover, Filandro) and Arturo Testa (her elderly suitor, Giampaolo). †
9.55 Beyond Belief: Patric Dickinson introduces an anthology. The readers are Jill Balcon, Nigel Graham, James Kerry and Michael Spice.
10.10 Le Astuzie Femminili: act two. †
11.00 Violin and Piano: Salvatore Accardo (violin) and Bruno Canino play Fauré's Sonata No 1 in A major; Webern's Four Pieces Op 7; Debussy's Sonata in G minor; Ravel's Tzigane. †
11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

4.00 am David Dunning.† 6.00 George Ferguson.† 7.30 Paul McDowall says Good Morning Sunday (special guest, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Special Envoy, Terry Waite). 9.00 Melodies for You.† 11.00 Desmond Carrington† incl 12.02 pm Sports Desk 1.00 Ray Moore presents Two's Best.† 2.00 Milk Cup. The Final (Norwich v Sutherland). Kick-off 2.30 pm. 4.30 Sing Something Simple.† 5.00 Charlie Chester with your Sunday Soapbox. Incl 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.30 Vintage Sporting Years (1948). 7.00 Miall Murray Sings with the Orchestra. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour (from St Patrick Parish Church, Ballymena, County Antrim). 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Songs from the Shows (singers are Lindsey Moore and John Lawrenson). 10.45 Bob Stephenson. 11.00 Sounds of Jazz with

Ohio banking crisis takes on air of surface calm

From Christopher Thomas, Cincinnati

Half a million savers did not panic in Ohio yesterday. The rain drove away the last of the disconsolate queues. For the seventh day the doors of 70 neighbourhood banks remained shut against them, ordinary, unrich people.

Lawyers, politicians and bureaucrats worked feverishly on new guidelines to allow the institutions to reopen. Depositors listened all day to the local radio news: "Confusion still surrounds the opening date of the Ohio thrifts. ... Withdrawals will be restricted initially to 750 dollars a month. ... Some people cannot pay gas and electricity bills. ... Big stores are rejecting personal cheques. ... Supermarkets have turned away long-standing customers. ... The phone company is restive. ..."

The crisis in the Ohio savings and loan banks affects the little guy. They are nest-egg banks, some of them steeped in the strict and simple thriftiness rules of their immigrant founders. Their primary business is home mortgages. The crisis arose because most are privately insured against collapse, unprotected by the full face and credit of the United States Government.

The new rules require the banks to seek Federally-backed insurance to protect investors. Some, in all likelihood, will be unable to comply with assets requirments for Federal protection and may never reopen.

Essentially, it is a crisis of confidence. Financial institutions like savings and loan banks survive solely on the faith of million of small-time customers.

Hundreds of millions of dollars were withdrawn in about four days from the Ohio's S & L because of the financial problems of one bank. It appeared to fretful savers that the state-sponsored, but nevertheless private, insurance fund would would be virtually wiped out by a single bank collapse, leaving their funds unprotected and vulnerable.

Outside Ohio so far, faith in the savings banks has seemingly been unshaken, but further afield, the crisis helped undermine the dollar on foreign exchange markets.

More than 30 of the closed S & Ls are in and around Cincinnati. It is a fiscally conservative town, like the German immigrants who flocked here between 1830 and 1850. Cincinnati people like to keep their money close to them. The S & Ls the Germans founded, the Molitor Loan and Building Co., was mobbed earlier in the week a terrible humiliation for a century-old institution.



Mr Marvin Warner: "Feeling of deep remorse".

The Home State panic was fanned by Bill Cunningham, th local radio talk show host, whose dire warnings had people queuing through the chilly nights, precipitating a potentially catastrophic run on deposits at other savings and loan banks. The govenor ordered all of them to close for a cooling off period.

Bill Cunningham has changed his tune now. "I have asked listerns to get down on the rug and pray to God and make a promise to go in there and make a deposit when they open", he said.

The panic may be over for now, but nobody knows for sure what will happen when the doors of the "thrifts" reopen. The local pizza chain is promising free pizzas to anybody who deposits $500 dollars. The Cincinnati bowling alley is offering three games for depositors. "Stability" said an inch-high headline in a newspaper advertisement placed by one bank, which promised prudent investment.

Mr Marvin Warner, the owner of Home State, has gone to ground in southern Florida, but he has started returning reporters' telephone calls. "It's not only a matter of terrible personal loss", he said. "It's a feeling of humiliation. It's a feeling of deep remorse for an institution I've had for 30 years, destroyed in a moment".

Mr Thomas Batties, Ohio State Superintendent of Savings and Loans was fired yesterday. Three S & Ls that opened without clearance on Thursday closed again yesterday on official instructions. Some of the thrifts may reopen for limited business on Monday.

Iran stops insisting Saddam must go

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very recently. Iranian spokesman, including Mr Raja'i Khorasani, have frequently compared President Saddam to Hitler and said that any negotiation with his Government was impossible.

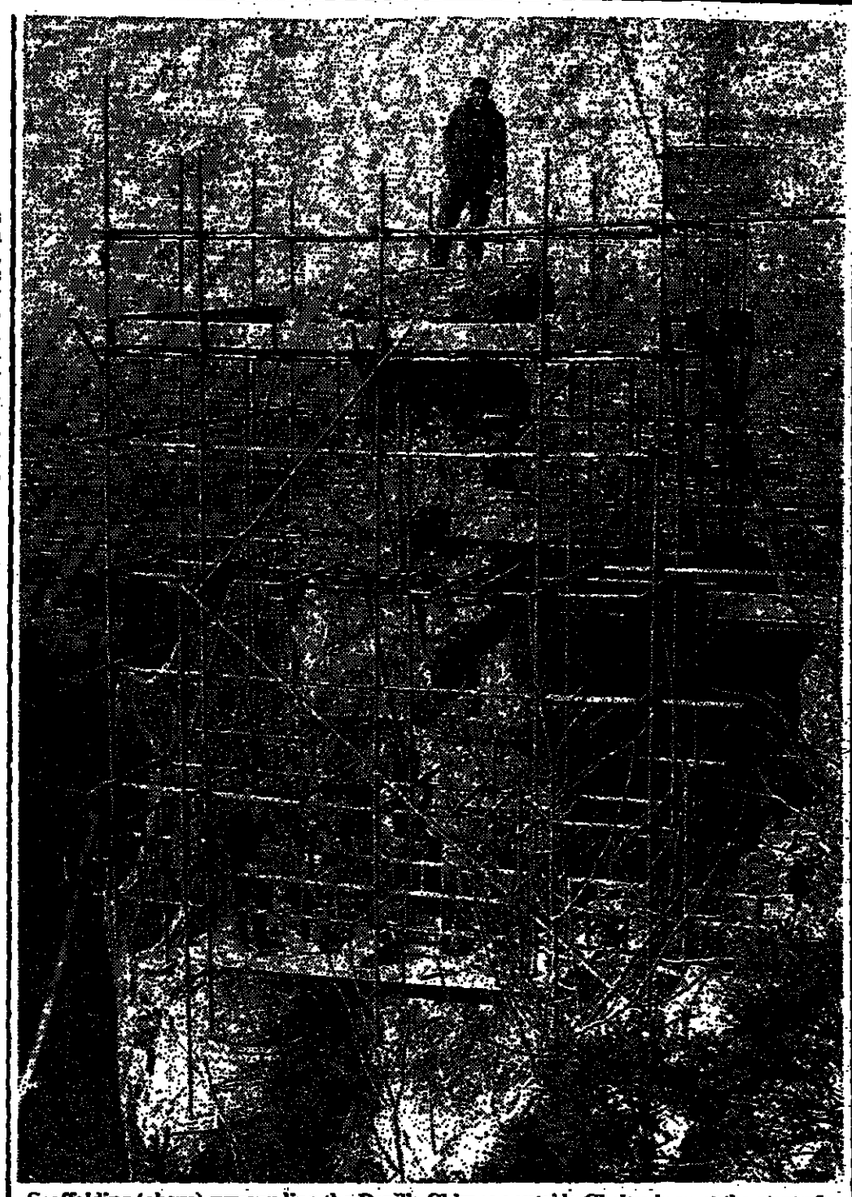
Now, according to the London source, Iran is asking for only three conditions to be fulfilled before peace talks begins: an immediate halt to the bombing of civilian targets in Iran, a public admission by Iraq that it started the war, four and a half years ago, and an announcement of willingness to pay reparations.

The main factor prolonging the war, this source claims is the unwillingness of the Iraqi leader to admit even in private that his country started the war.

Iraq has yet to comment on the new conditions, but it is true that it has always claimed that the war was started by Iran and has consequently never offered reparations.

A UN source confirmed yesterday that "quite a few" Iranian officials were now saying that the "physical or political suicide" of President Saddam was no longer a condition for ending the war.

The Un is trying to restore the moratorium on attacks on civilian targets, which broke down three weeks ago. This is also Iran's immediate objective. Iraq is insisting that any agreement must include a ceasefire on the ground as well.



Scaffolding (above) surrounding the Devil's Chimney outside Cheltenham at the start of a restoration programme, and (left) the familiar view (Photograph: Michael Charity).



Props for the 'Devil'

The rock known as the Devil's Chimney outside Cheltenham is being restored in a £25,000 programme that will last several weeks.

The outcrop on the Cotswold escarpment has been crumbling and showing signs of movement in recent years, and Cheltenham Borough Council called in Dr Brian Hawkins, a consultant geologist from Bristol University to consider a solution.

Steel rods are being drilled into the rock to stop it moving. The work is being carried out by Richies of Perthshire, a rock drilling specialist.

Local folklore says that the Chimney is the result of the "frolic of idle hours by shepherds while grazing their sheep on the hillside" but its more likely origin is the quarrying that provided most of the stone when Cheltenham was built.

Letter from Johannesburg

Apartheid exposed for five nights

For the first time since television was introduced here in 1976, South Africans this week have had a chance to watch something resembling a real debate on the political issues confronting their unhappy, race-divided country.

They owed this experience to the novel and enterprising decision of the American television network ABC to broadcast its *Nightline* current affairs programme direct from Johannesburg for five nights in a row, starting last Monday.

After several months of hard negotiation with ABC executives, South Africa agreed to issue visas to nearly 30 journalists and production staff, and put at their disposal the studio facilities of SABC, the state-run television network.

The crisp, but urbane and courteous, style of questioning of the ABC anchorman, Mr Ted Koppel, apparently persuaded the South Africans that *Nightline* would give the Government's case as "fair" a hearing as could be hoped for from any foreign media, which are regarded as congenitally hostile and biased.

Each nightly programme, up to an hour long, comprised a set-piece report on some aspect of apartheid followed by a panel discussion between people of widely different political views and race who would not normally be seen debating together in South Africa.

The programmes were taped in Johannesburg and transmitted to the United States by satellite the same day.

For its part, SABC broadcast each panel discussion – but not the set-piece reports – a day later, after its early evening news bulletin. This was an eye-opener for most South Africans used to the reverential treatment accorded Government ministers by the SABC's forelock-tugging interviewers.

On Tuesday and Wednesday viewers saw Mr Pik Botha, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Gerrit Viljoen, the minister in charge of black affairs, being subjected to sharp questioning by the like of Bishop Desmond Tutu and Dr Ntatho Motlana, both prominent black radicals, and Mrs Sheena Duncan, president of the white-liberal Black Sash organization.

The ministers were in Cape Town and their interlocutors in Johannesburg, but they were all hooked up to an open microphone, and each could hear what the others were saying and break in. Their images were juxtaposed on the screen, allowing viewers to see Mr Botha's jaw muscles tightening as Bishop Tutu told him that apartheid was "as evil as Nazism".

By Tuesday, the strain was starting to tell. Word had it that President Botha was deeply unhappy with the alleged bias of the set-piece reports. A senior Government source was quoted as saying: "They are showing the worst possible aspects of the country and then throwing that in the face of ministers and expecting instant, simple answers".

Mr Louis Nel, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, was sent to Johannesburg to remonstrate with ABC executives, and later that day Mr Chris Heunis, Minister for Contitutional Development, withdrew from the panel discusison forming the climax to the week's programmes.

This would have pitted Mr Heunis in direct debate against not only Dr Connie Mulder, and extreme right-wing white opponent of the Government, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, and Dr Alan Boesak, a leading Coloured cleric and prominent figure in the multi-racial United Democratic Front, but also against Mr Oliver Tambo, president of the banned African National Congress.

The discussion was show last night in America, without Mr Heunis. Mr Tambo took part via satellite from the ANC's headquarters in Lusaka, the Zambian capital.

Everyone is now agog to see how much of the discussion, and in particular Mr Tambo's contribution, is shown on South African screens. As a "banned" person he cannot be quoted here, nor his picture displayed, without the permission of the Commissioner of Police.

Michael Hornsby

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Princess Anne dines with the world committee members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and the world organization of the Scout Movement, World Bureau, Olave Centre, Hampstead, 7.45.

Princess Margaret attends a dinner at Guildhall for delegates attending the International Orchid Conference, 7.20.

The Duke of Gloucester, President, National Association of Boys' Clubs, attends the Cross Country championships at Trantham Gardens, Staffs, 2.45.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief, attends the tercentenary celebrations of the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, Wyvern Barracks, Exeter, 10.25.

Music

Concert by the Studio Symphony Orchestra and the Dublin Orchestral Players, Ulster Hall, Belfast, 7.45.

The London Brass Virtuosi perform the finale concert of the Petersfield Festival, Petersfield Festival Hall 8.

Handel's Solomon with the Manchester Mozart Orchestra, Victoria Hall, Bolton, 7.30.

Concert by the Bristol Bach Choir and Orchestra, Colston Hall, Bristol, 7.30.

Concert by the Ryton Chorale and the London Gabrieli Brass Ensemble, Worksop Priory, Notts, 7.30.

Concert by Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society Chorus and Orchestra, Wells Cathedral, Somerset, 7.30.

Bach/Handel tercentenary concert by the Seventy Choir of Thanet, Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, 7.45.

Bach's Mass by the Leicestershire Chorale, Melton Mowbray Parish Church, 7.30.

London Philharmonic Orchestra, Dorking Halls, 7.30.

Concert by the Chorister School, Durham Cathedral, 7.30.

Tomorrow

Music

Bach's St John Passion by Wycliffe College Choral Society, Wycliffe College Chapel, Stonehouse, 7.30; and by the Waynflete Singers, Winchester Cathedral Choir and the Parley of Instruments Baroque Orchestra, 5, Part II, 7.30; and the King's Chool Choir and Orchestra, Rochester Cathedral, 7.45; and St Peter's Singers, Sheffield Bach Society and St Peter's Chamber Orchestra, Leeds Parish Church, 6.30, Part II, 8.15.

Recital of chora music by Heinrich Schutz Renaissance Music Group of Liverpool, Cathedral, 8.

Concert by the London Early Music Group, Wade Deacon High School, Widnes, 7.30.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra with Yitkin Seow (piano) Great Hall, Dartington, 8.

Aniversaries

Births: William Smith, geologist, Churchill, Oxfordshire, 1769; Alfred, Viscount Milner, statesman, Giessen, Germany, 1854; Juan Gris, painter, pioneer of Cubism, Madrid, 1887.

Deaths: Elizabeth I, reigned 1558-1603, Richmond, 1603; Stendhal (pseudonym of Marie-Henri Beyle), novelist, Paris, 1842; Raoul Dufy, painter, Forcalquier, France, 1953.

TOMORROW

Births: William Morris, Walthamstow, London, 1834.

In the Garden

We are still two or three weeks behind this spring because soil temperaures are still well below normal. But as the saying goes "A late spring never deceives" – that means once spring comes it stays. *Let us hope it turns out that way this year.*

Do not be in a hurry to sow seeds or plant potatoes, onion sets or gladioli. We can catch up a little by setting gladiolus corms to sprout in a heated greenhouse or indoors. So too with begonia tubers.

Sow sweet peas indoors, also half hardy annuals such as lobelias redbeckias, stocks, lavateras, helichrysums and alyssum under heated glass provided you have a cold frame or two to protect the seedlings until they may be planted out.

Asparagus and seakale plants may be planted between now and the end of April. Both are excellent value these days.

Lift and divide herbaceous plants if the clumps are getting too big or if you wish to increase your stock of a particular plant. Michaelmas daisies should be divided every three years; replant always young shoots from the outside of the clump. RH

Gardens Open

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Hampshire: Exbury Gardens, Exbury, 2½ SE of Beaulieu, 15m SW of Southampton; 200 acre woodland garden, superb rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and other shrubs; daily 1 to 5.30 in March; 10 to 5.30 April to July 14; P. Derbyshire: Lea Rhododendron Gardens, Lea, 5, SE of Matlock, off A6; large garden, many hybrid and species rhododendrons, rock garden; daily until July 31; 10 to 7; P.

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Lincolnshire: Wheatsheaf Wood, 3m W of Spilsby off A16 or A1115; 42 acres of forest trees, many unusual trees and shrubs; very hilly but plenty of seats. 1-6. Hampshire: Castletop, Castle Hill Lane, Burley, S of Ringwood. 8 acres, woodland walks, bulbs, shrubs; also open May 5; 2 to 6; P. Wiltshire: The Old Ride, Bradford-on-Avon; from Bradford-on-Avon take A363 to Bath, house on junction to Trowbridge; fine trees, spring flowers; also open March 31, April 7, September 22 and 29; 2 to 6.

P = Plants for sale

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.73	1.65
Austria Sch	27.65	26.15
Belgium Fr	78.70	74.70
Canada $	1.575	1.595
Denmark Kr	14.00	13.30
Finland Mkk	8.12	7.72
France Fr	11.89	11.34
Germany DM	3.92	3.72
Greece Dr	171.00	160.00
Hong Kong $	8.50	8.00
Ireland Pt	1.26	1.20
Italy Lire	2480.00	2360.00
Japan Yen	313.00	297.00
Netherlands Gld	4.41	4.19
Norway Kr	11.20	10.70
Portugal Esc	214.00	202.00
South Africa Rd	2.65	2.55
Spain Pta	214.00	204.00
Sweden Kr	11.13	10.63
Switzerland Fr	3.30	3.14
USA $	1.225	1.165
Yugoslavia Dnr	281.00	265.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 362.7.

London: The FT Index closed down 8.7 at 992.4.

Roads

London and South-east: Blackwall Tunnel closed southbound throughout weekend. use Rotherhithe Tunnel or Tower Bridge. A520 Brecknock Road at the junction with A400 Fortress Road and Junction Road, Tufnell Park, delays. A206 Well Hall Road, Eltham closed between Shepard Road and Dunvegan Road, diversions.

Midlands: A449 between Hartlebury and Kidderminster at Goldness, road closed throughout Saturday, diversions. M5: Narrow lanes in both directions between junction 4 (Coleshill) and junction 5 (Castle Bromwich). A34: Warwickshire long delays between Stratford upon Avon and Oxford at Shipston on Stour.

Wales and West: M4 at junction 22 (Severn Bridge), westbound traffic on inside lane will leave M4, rejoin next junction, outside lane traffic unaffected between junctions 22 and 23 (B4245 Magor), delays. A465: At Gibraltar Turnpike, between Monmouth and Raglan, Gwent, contraflow. A483: Fabian Way, Swansea, lanes closed in both directions.

North: A1: Bilton Hall Bridge, Jarrow, contraflow. A1: Barnedale Bar, South Yorkshire, lanes closed. M621: Between Gildersome and Beeston, south-west of Leeds, contraflow on northbound carriageway.

Scotland: A68: At Lagpan Bridge, north of A699 junction, delays. A9: High Street, Golspie, delays. A9: At Killiecrankie, delays.

Portfolio

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 28).

Stock No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+1	+5	+3	-2	+2		
2	+1	+8	+2	-2	+3		
3	+2	+3	+2	+2	+1		
4	+3	+5	+2	+2	+2		
5	+2	+3	+3	-2	+5		
6	+2	+5	+2	+2	-1		
7	+3	+4	+3	-1	+3		
8	+1	+5	+1	-2	-2		
9	+3	+3	+1	-2	+5		
10	+2	+5	+2	-4	+5		
11	+3	+2	+1	+1	+4		
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27	+2	+5	+1	+1	+5		
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36	+3	+3	+2	-1	+2		
37	+5	+5	-1	+1	+3		
38	+3	+1	-1	+2	+1		
39	+3	+3	-1	+1	+5		
40	+2	+2	+2	-1	+2		

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Weather forecast

An area of low pressure over East Anglia will move slowly N during the day.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, Cen S England, E Anglia, Midlands: Outbreaks of rain, some bright intervals, wind W moderate; max temp 10C (50F).

E, NE, Cen N England: Cloudy, occasional rain, wind W moderate becoming variable light; max temp 8C (46F).

Channel Islands, SW, NW England, Wales: Scattered showers, bright intervals, wind NW moderate locally fresh; max temp 9C (48F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Bright or sunny intervals, becoming mainly dry, wind light or moderate; max temp 9C (48F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Cen Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, occasional rain, wind NE moderate; max temp 7C (45F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Becoming drier for a time before cloudy weather with further rain at times spreads from W.

S. North Sea: wind S or SW fresh, rain at times, visibility moderate, sea moderate. Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): wind W fresh or strong, showers, visibility moderate or good, sea moderate or rough. St George's Channel: wind fresh locally strong at first, showers, visibility moderate or good, sea rough becoming moderate. Irish Sea: wind N backing NW moderate or fresh, showers, visibility moderate or good, sea moderate.

NOON TODAY



b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-sleet; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

Lighting-up time

TODAY

London 6.49 pm to 5.25 am
Bristol 6.58 pm to 5.34 am
Edinburgh 7.05 pm to 5.35 am
Manchester 6.58 pm to 5.32 am
Penzance 7.10 pm to 5.47 am

TOMORROW

London 6.50 pm to 5.22 am
Bristol 7.00 pm to 5.32 am
Edinburgh 7.05 pm to 5.32 am
Manchester 7.00 pm to 5.30 am
Penzance 7.11 pm to 5.44 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; d, drizzle.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	r	3	37	Guernsey	c	5	41
Birmingham	r	5	41	Inverness	c	5	41
Blackpool	c	6	43	Jersey	r	5	41
Bristol	r	4	39	London	c	7	45
Cardiff	r	4	39	Manchester	d	5	41
Edinburgh	c	5	41	Newcastle	r	4	39
Glasgow	r	5	41	Ronaldsway	r	6	43

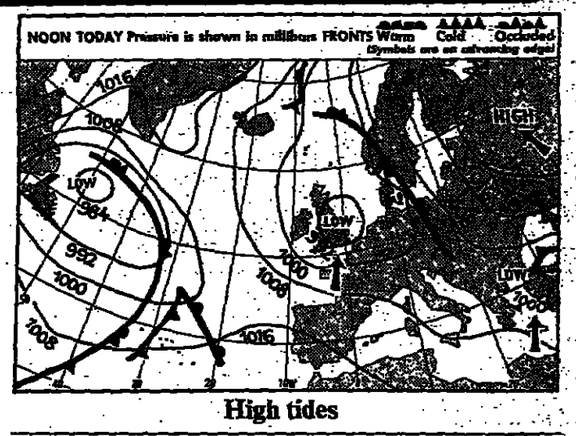
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 8 pm, 9C (48F); min 8 pm to 8 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 8 pm, 78 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.14in. Sun: 24hr to 8 pm, 1.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level: 8 pm, 995.6 millibars and rising, 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Margate, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Aviemore, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Newcastle, 0.41 in; highest sunshine: Guernsey, 4.8 hr.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)



High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.58	6.9	3.21	7.0
Aberdeen	2.25	4.0	2.39	4.1
Avonmouth	8.26	13.1	8.49	12.9
Belfast	12.01	3.0	12.15	3.2
Cardiff	8.11	12.1	8.35	12.0
Devonport	6.55	5.5	7.11	5.3
Dover	–	–	12.15	6.2
Falmouth	6.25	5.3	6.41	5.1
Glasgow	2.03	4.5	2.02	4.9
Harwich	12.55	3.9	1.19	3.7
Holyhead	11.25	5.4	11.43	5.2
Hull	7.30	7.1	7.34	7.5
Ilfracombe	7.07	6.9	7.20	6.8
Leith	3.45	5.2	3.50	5.3
Liverpool	12.12	9.0	12.25	9.2
Lowestoft	10.51	2.2	10.41	2.4
Margate	12.57	4.5	1.27	4.4
Milford Haven	7.23	6.6	7.35	6.7
Newquay	6.13	6.9	6.25	6.8
Oban	6.47	4.0	6.58	3.8

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.25	6.9	3.48	6.9
Aberdeen	2.53	3.9	2.53	4.0
Avonmouth	8.54	13.0	9.06	12.9
Belfast	12.34	3.0	12.49	3.1
Ca...iff	8.39	12.0	8.50	11.9
Devonport	7.19	5.4	7.34	5.3
Dover	12.29	5.4	12.45	6.2
Falmouth	6.49	5.2	7.04	5.1
Glasgow	2.32	4.5	2.45	4.9
Harwich	1.21	3.8	1.44	3.7
Holyhead	11.56	5.4		
Hull	7.57	7.1	8.08	7.4
Ilfracombe	7.37	6.8	7.47	6.7
Leith	4.12	5.1	4.19	5.3
Liverpool	12.39	8.9	12.55	9.1
Lowestoft	11.19	2.2	11.12	2.4
Margate	1.26	4.5	1.516	4.4
Milford Haven	7.51	6.8	8.02	6.6
Newquay	6.41	6.8	6.53	6.7
Oban	7.15	3.9	7.22	3.8

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

TODAY

Sun rises: 5.57 am Sun sets: 6.19 pm
Moon rises: 6.15 am Moon sets: 8.32 pm
First Quarter: March 29.

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 5.55 am Sun sets: 6.20 pm
Moon rises: 7.03 am Moon Sets: 9.42 pm
First Quarter: March 29.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro		.20	5	41	rain
Bridlington		.21	5	41	rain
Cromer	0.5	.18	7	45	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.3	.19	7	45	rain
Clacton	1.1	.12	7	45	cloudy
Margate		.18	10	50	showers
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	1.2	.17	8	46	rain
Hastings	0.6	.35	8	46	dull
Eastbourne	0.8	.24	8	46	rain
Brighton		.32	7	45	rain
Worthing	1.8	.25	8	46	rain pm
Littlehmpto					
Bognor R	0.2	.35	7	45	showers
Southsea		.36	7	45	rain
Sandown		.33	7	45	rain
Shanklin		.30	7	45	rain am
Bournemth		.24	6	43	showers
Poole		.25	6	43	showers
Swanage	0.1	.22	7	45	cloudy
Weymouth	0.4	.21	6	46	cloudy
Exmouth	0.6	.39	6	43	showers pm
Teignmouth	0.6	.25	6	43	cloudy
Torquay	0.3	.22	6	43	rain pm
Falmouth		.17	5	41	showers
Penzance	0.4	.27	8	46	rain
Jersey	0.1	.37	8	46	rain pm
Guernsey	4.8	.33	9	48	showers
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles		.10	4	39	showers
Newquay		.11	6	43	rain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Ilfracombe		.01	7	45	dull
Tenby	0.3		8	46	cloudy
Colwyn Bay		.11	6	43	cloudy
Southport	0.3		7	45	dull
Morecambe		0.2	7	45	showers
Douglas	1.1	.17	7	45	rain am
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cen)	1.1	.14	10	50	showers
B'ham (Airpt)		.15	7	45	rain
Bristol (Cen)		.13	6	43	rain
Cardiff (Cen)		.24	5	41	rain
Anglesey	0.2	.08	7	45	rain am
P'pool (Airpt)		.01	7	45	rain
Manchester		.03	7	45	rain
Nottingham		.22	7	45	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne		.41	5	41	rain
Carlisle					
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir					
Prestwick			8	46	rain
Glasgow	0.1		7	45	drizzle
Tiree	3.2		7	45	bright
Stornoway	1.2		7	45	cloudy
Lerwick		.05	5	41	rain
Wick		.17	6	43	rain pm
Kinloss		.06	8	46	rain pm
Aberdeen		.11	5	41	rain
St. Andrews					
Edinburgh		.08	8	46	rain
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast		.02	5	41	rain

*Denotes Not Available

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Alaccio	r	10	50	Cologne	s	13	55	Majorca	s	18	66	Rome	r	15	57
Alicante	c	17	63	Copenhagen	r	1	34	Malaga	s	20	68	Salzburg	r	10	50
Alexandria	c	25	77	Corfu	s	20	68	Malta	r	17	63	Sao Paulo*	c	27	81
Algiers	s	20	68	Dublin	r	3	37	Melbourne*	r	24	75	S Francisco*	s	16	61
Amsterdam	r	9	48	Dubrovnik	c	16	61	Mexico C*	s	22	72	Santiago*	c	20	68
Athens	r	12	54	Faro	c	17	63	Miami*	c	23	73	Seoul	s	6	43
Bahrain	s	25	77	Florence	r	12	54	Milan	c	7	45	Singapore			
Barbados*	r	29	66	Frankfurt	s	11	52	Montreal*	s	-4	25	Stockholm	c	3	37
Barcelona	r	16	61	Funchal	c	18	61	Moscow	s	5	41	Strasbourg	r	12	54
Beirut	r	18	66	Geneva	r	2	36	Munich	s	8	46	Sydney	c	18	64
Belgrade	s	9	48	Gibraltar	r	17	63	Nairobi	s	27	81	Tangier	c	22	72
Berlin	c	11	52	Helsinki	s	1	34	Naples	c	14	57	Tel Aviv	r	15	59
Bermuda*	r	19	66	Hong Kong	c	18	61	New Delhi	s	31	88	Tenerife			
Biarritz	c	11	52	Innsbruck	r	11	52	New York*	r	14	57	Tokyo	r	13	55
Bologne	r	8	46	Istanbul	c	7	45	Nice	r	8	46	Toronto*	s	1	34
Bordeaux	c	11	54	Jersey	r	5	41	Oslo	sn	1	34	Tunis	r	16	61
Brussels	r	8	41	Jo'burg*	s	25	77	Paris	r	9	48	Valencia	r	17	63
Budapest	s	13	55	Karachi*	s	30	86	Peking	r	13	55	Vancouver*	s	8	46
Buen Aires*	s	23	73	Las Palmas*	c	20	68	Perth	s	29	79	Venice	c	8	46
Cairo	r	18	64	Lisbon	r	15	59	Prague	r	8	46	Vienna	r	7	45
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Locarno	r	2	36	Reykjavik	r	3	37	Warsaw	s	5	41
C'blanca	c	17	63	L Angeles*	s	18	61	Rhodes	r	15	59	Washington*	s	3	37
Chicago*	s	7	45	Lanzarote	c	9	48	Riyadh	s	32	90	Wellington*	s	13	55
Ch'church*	r	19	66	Madrid	c	15	59	Rio de Jan	s	26	84	Zurich	r	7	45

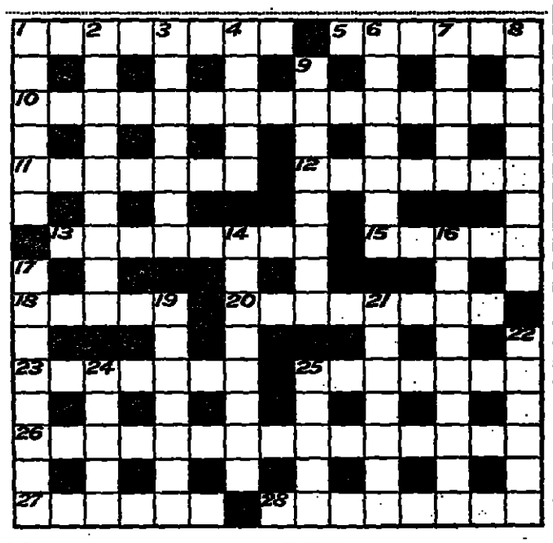
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Name.....

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ACROSS

1 Late damp upset fruit-grower (4-4).
5 Maxim, for example, to follow as pointer, perhaps (3,3).
10 Vacillates between heavy strokes and taps? (5,3,3,4).
11 Optimistic flower-girl dined (7).
12 Classical playwright Rattigan followed (7).
13 Greek hero held back by unusual enemy (8).
15 Tight as a piston should be? (5).
18 Frequent conclusion of English relative (5).
20 Rebel author holds back information (8).
23 Directed towards main South-East prize (7).
25 Deservers of fairest underwear? (7).
26 Did Grimes in Bath succeed so completely? (4,1,5,5).
27 Direction finder essential for sewer (6).
28 Musical position of fiddler may get a slating (5-3).

DOWN

1 Land to keep out king (6).
2 Not a single woman will be seen wearing this (9).
3 Spend a lot of time in sea journey (7).
4 Not bound to be inexact (5).
6 Experience less than success (7).
7 Flood from river in part of Ireland (5).
8 Gallery aims to provide unexpected pleasures (8).
9 Aspirant involved with one party (8).
14 Finished drying stout dog (8).
16 Deposit Masons at West End (9).
17 Pieces largely unobtainable in pawn-shop? (8).
19 Labour finding odd Tory constituents an advantage (7).
21 Gee, girls, you'll be ignored by passing men in these (7).
22 Increase pets (4,2).
24 Joint leaders of Alliance naturally knock Labour effort (5).
25 Urge to vote against party (5).

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Solution of Puzzle No 16,687

APPRECIATE DUG
RUC I VENEER
COMMONER PE
P I S SERENADE
E N T I R N
AREA ACCIDENTAL
B T B K R E N I
SLEEKLY FIRE DOG
T X E C N L T
KALEIDOSCOPE YET
I O U W P Y I
NINETEEN A H
I E A SATIATED
KANTES E N D
G T TOLERATION

Solution of Puzzle No 16,692

CARBON SOMBRELY
E T E A L E
GARTER LAUNCH
A R T I S T
SERONAL MARCH
E A E
WASHED PAINT
A U T
MIAMI MINDS
V O I L
BLESS ENTICE
S T O
STEWARDS TALENT